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# MASS DESTRUCTION OF TOWN OF SIAOSHAN

Ruthless Air Attack, To Demoralise Hangchow

## FEW MILES ACROSS BAY FROM FAMOUS CITY HUNDREDS OF BOMBS EXPLOSIVE AND INCENDIARY

Shanghai, To-day.

Hundreds are believed to have been blown to pieces when one of the largest mass air raids of the Sino-Japanese hostilities was carried out on Siaoshan, opposite Hangchow, yesterday.

The raiding planes were heavy bombers of the Japanese naval air force, which rained hundreds of incendiary and high explosive bombs on the town for several hours.

Siaoshan is now blazing furiously, columns of smoke rising from the shattered houses being visible for miles round. — Our Own Correspondent.

## TERRIBLE STORY OF BABY MASSACRE

Shanghai, To-day.

A terrible story has just been brought to Shanghai by a French priest, Father Delois, and an Italian priest, Father Bonnanatte, after a long roundabout journey on foot through a bandit-infested countryside.

Their story tells of destruction of the Catholic Orphanage at Kashing on November 15 by Japanese air bombs, which killed 86 Chinese orphans and led to disappearance of four French and five Chinese Sisters and 150 refugees.

Father Moulin, Superior of the Lazarists Order, has taken the matter up with the French Ambassador, M. Paul Naggard, in an attempt to ascertain the fate of the missing Sisters and refugees.

### CRECHE HIT

Father Moulin said that Father Delois and Father Bonnanatte reported how the Japanese had bombed the Sisters of Charity Orphanage at Kashing.

The Sisters herded their charges into dug-outs in the Mission grounds, after one bomb directly hit the creche, killing 66 babies and wounding Chinese Sisters.

Father Moulin added that the French and Chinese Sisters took 150 orphans and aged refugees, including wounded, on board a junk and fled into the

interior. They have not been heard from since.

### NO FLAG

Father Moulin explained that the Orphanage had no flag of any kind, and was located close by the home of General Chang Fah-kwei, who commanded the Chinese forces in the southern sector.

The Carmelite Mission and Lazarist Seminary nearby, which were flying French flags, were not bombed. — Reuter.

## TWO ITALIANS TUGS ARE RETURNED BUT

Shanghai, To-day. The incident arising from seizure of two Italian tugs, the Romolo and Iado, by the Japanese yesterday, has been settled.

The Japanese authorities have expressed regret for the seizure and are returning the tugs.

An Italian official interviewed by Reuter to-day said the affair was

due to a "misunderstanding."

Meanwhile there are as yet no signs that the Japanese intend to return the American tug seized or the French Bund at the same time

## SUCCESS GAINED AT HEAVY COST

Shanghai, To-day.

Although the Japanese occupied Kwangtung yesterday morning, and are now pressing on at several points in the long front, their successes have only been won at a colossal cost after much stubborn fighting.

Final occupation of Kwangtung was only accomplished at 11 o'clock this morning, though it was early yesterday that the Japanese gained their first foothold in the outskirts of the town.

For hours the Nagano and Yamada Brigades fought their way slowly through the streets, littered with debris and corpses.

### BIG SWORD CLASHES

Bayonets clashed with the famous big swords, both sides suffering terribly before the Chinese finally with

## CHINESE PROTEST TO ITALY

Hankow, To-day. The Chinese Foreign Office has instructed Mr. Lin Wan-lio, Chinese Ambassador to Rome, to lodge a protest to the Italian Government against recognition of Manchukuo by the Italian Government.

The act is regarded by the Chinese Government as regrettable in view of the happy relations hitherto subsisting between China and Italy. — Hsin-Nan.

drew and retired west to Langkien. The Chinese rearguard is now holding the Japanese somewhere between these two towns.

Meanwhile, Japanese troops, on the Nanking-Shanghai railway line, claim to have reached Luocheng, 25 kilometres from Changchow, while troops advancing from Liangyuan are now 15 kilometres west of the town and are meeting with stiff Chinese resistance in their advance on Chinkiang.

Chinese naval craft are still engaged in clearing the Kiangyin boom and in sweeping up the dozens of mines which infest the river above the obstruction.

The Japanese vanguard is now said to be 80 kilometres from Nanking. — Our Own Correspondent.

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## U.S. REGISTERED CHINESE PAPERS TO REFUSE CENSORSHIP

Shanghai, To-day.

A meeting of Chinese newspaper representatives in Shanghai yesterday decided to suspend publication of a number of papers as protest against the Japanese claim to the right of censorship over the Chinese press.

Four leading papers, the "Shun Pao," "Sin Wan Pao," "Ta Kung Pao" and "Eastern Times," will, however, continue to appear, though not in Shanghai.

The "Ta Kung Pao" has already removed its office to Hankow, and it is believed that the "Shun Pao" will shortly follow.

The "National Herald" and the "Central China Daily News," of which the latter is regarded as the organ of the former President of the Executive Yuan, Mr. Wang Ching-wei, have ceased publication.

### AMERICAN-REGISTERED

It is announced that two Chinese papers registered at the United States Consulate will continue to appear, and political circles consider further complications possible in the event of these two papers refusing to submit to Japanese censorship. — Trans-Ocean.

## PAPERS WILL NOT SUBMIT TO CENSORSHIP

Shanghai, To-day.

The four remaining Chinese-owned Chinese newspapers in Shanghai have decided to suspend publication if the Japanese insist on instituting a censorship.

Following their assumption of control of the censorship office of the City Government of Greater (Continued in next Column)

## OFFICIALS TAKEN OFF INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

London, To-day.

In announcing new personnel of the committee to enquire into civil aviation, the Prime Minister stated in the Commons that Lord Swinton had considered the representations put to him from several quarters that the committee should contain no official element and since his sole desire was to appoint the most competent and authoritative committee possible, he had decided to meet the view expressed and to reconstitute the committee.

The Committee will now consist of Lord Cadman, who remains chairman, Sir Frederick Marquis, Mr. T. Harrison Hughes and Mr. J. W. Bowen, British Wireless.



The first audition for chorus girls for pantomimes at the Moss Empires was held at the Sherman Fisher Dance School, in London recently. Here are some of the legs on view—and very shapely they are, too! (Fox Copyright).

Shanghai, the Japanese authorities have notified Chinese-owned newspapers that they must submit all news items to censorship before publication.

Opposing the move, the Chinese newspapers convened a meeting and

unanimously decided to close their doors unless the Japanese change their mind.

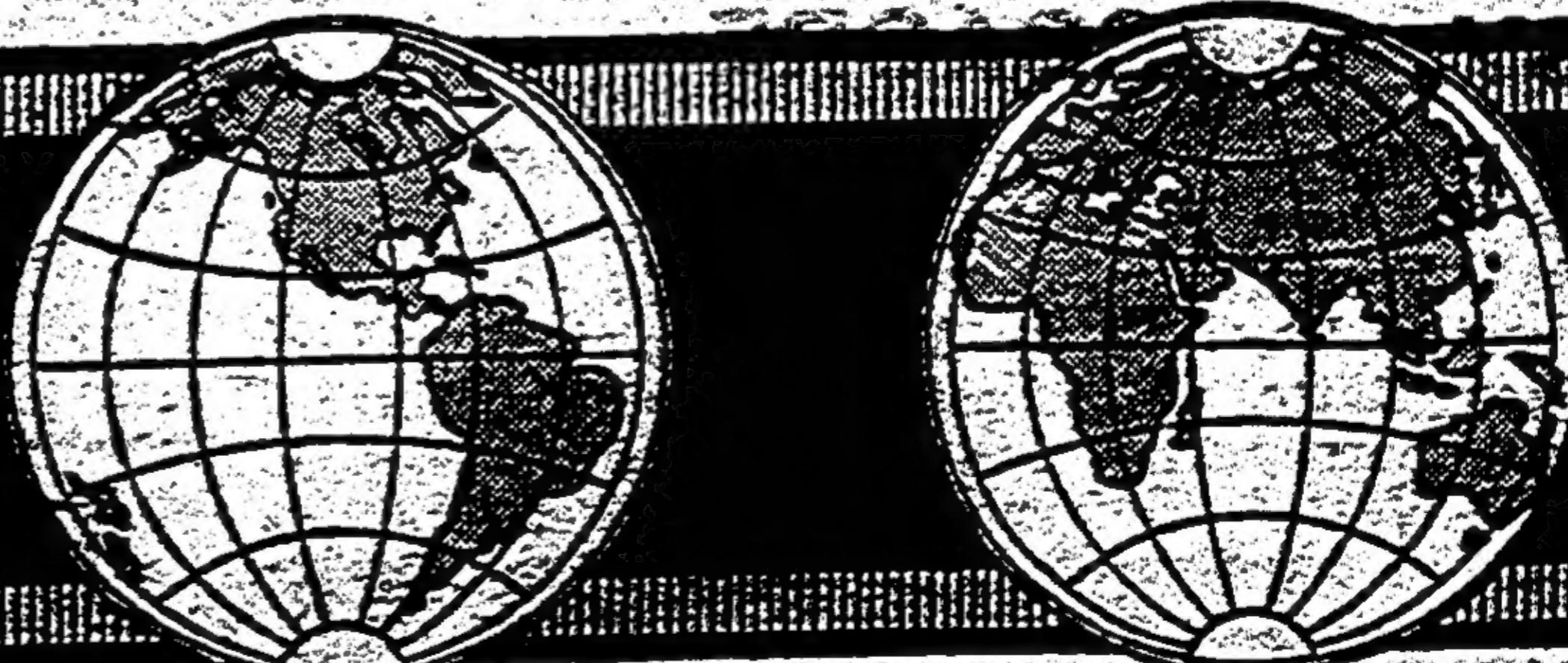
### COUNCIL PETITIONED

Simultaneously, a representative called on Mr. Stirling Fessenden, Secretary-General of the Municipal

Council, and submitted petitions requesting the Council to negotiate with the Japanese for exemption of Chinese newspapers from censorship.

Outcome of the negotiations is not yet ascertainable. — Renter.

## TO-DAY In Every City on THE GLOBE



Some are enjoying perfect health—others are in hospitals fighting for life. Millions start off in the morning feeling fit and bright but without the slightest warning there comes an attack of pain in the form of Headaches, Neuralgia, Nerviness, etc. Cold and Flu infection is as sudden as an accident. For these ailments the popular world-wide medicine is 'ASPRO'. Its success is due to relief results that are quickly proved, and the fact that 'ASPRO' is safe, because it does not harm the heart or have any injurious after-effects. Always use 'ASPRO' according to the directions to relieve Pain and Headaches, Colds, Flu and Rheumatism.

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# TO-DAY'S HIT-SES

Variety Items  
And  
Musical Comedy

12.12.20 p.m.—Relay of Special Service from St. John's Cathedral.  
12.30 p.m.—March Weber & His Orchestra and Grace Moore (Soprano). *Life In The Vienna Prater* (Translators).  
"Chocolate Soldier" Selection (O. Strauss, arr. Benedict). Orchestra Stars In My Eyes.  
Learn How To Lose.  
The End Begins (from "The King Steps Out"). Grace Moore.  
Danube Waves (Janovics).  
Artist's Life (Strauss). Orchestra.  
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.  
1.03 p.m.—Primo Scala's Accordion Band.  
"On With The Show" Selection.  
Twenty Miles To Nowhere (Silver).  
The Duck Song (Butler-Damerell-Evans).  
1.15 p.m.—Hawaiian Music.  
1.30 p.m.—Renter and Rugby Press. Local Weather Forecast and Announcements.  
1.40 p.m.—Songs by Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone).  
The Bandolero (Stuart).  
Drake's Drum.  
Outward Bound ("Songs Of The Sea" Stanford). with Male Chorus.  
1.50 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections. "Careless Rapture".  
Miracle Of Nichao.  
Bridge Of Lovers (Novello—Preston). Drury Lane Theatre.  
8.03 p.m.—Miliza Korjus (Soprano).

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Orchestra cond: Charles Prentiss.  
Peggy Ann—Vocal Gems.  
"The Girl Friend"—Vocal Gems (Rodgers). Light Opera Company.  
2.15 p.m.—Close down.  
4.7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.  
7 p.m.—Dance Music.  
7.30 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations & Hong Kong Exchange Market Report.  
7.35 p.m.—Variety.  
Comedienne—  
What Archibald Says. Goes ("Casting").  
Falling In Love Again (film "The Blue Angel"). Gracie Fields.  
Orchestral—  
It's Love Again—Selection.  
Queen Of Hearts—Selection.  
Sydney Kyte & His Piccadilly Hotel Band.  
Vocal—  
The Yodelling Bullfighter.  
The Yodelling Chinaman (Farrell & Stogden). Georg Van Dusen.  
Orchestral—  
Love Me, Or Leave Me (Donaldson & Kahn).  
Why Couldn't It Be Poor Little Me (Jones & Kahn). Benny Goodman & His Orchestra.  
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal. Weather Report and Announcements.  
10.20 p.m.—Variety.  
11 p.m.—Close down.

Olympia's Aria ("The Doll's Song") (Tales of Hoffmann—Offenbach). Thousand And One Nights Waltz (Strauss).  
8.10 p.m.—London Relay—Royal Tennis. A broadcast from King Henry VIII's court at Hampton Court.  
8.25 p.m.—London Relay—Music in the Morning.  
9 p.m.—London Relay—World Affairs. A talk by H. Wickham Steed.  
9.15 p.m.—Studio—An appeal on behalf of the Hong Kong Street Sleepers Society by Sir Henry Pollock, K.C. LLD.  
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.  
9.35 p.m.—Songs by Tita Schipa (Tenor).  
Questa O Quella ("Rigoletto"—Verdi). Confession—Tango.  
La Cumparsita—Tango.  
10 p.m.—Spanish Music.  
Aire Andaluz (Lucena). Cordoba Philharmonic Orchestra. Cond: Jose Pablos.  
Danza 5 (Granados—Munoz Llorente). Granada (Albeniz—Cuenca). Conchita Supervia (Mezzo-Soprano).  
Spanish Dance No. 2 (Granados). New Light Symphony Orchestra. Cond: Eugene Goossens.  
10.20 p.m.—Variety.

9.30 a.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 9.45 a.m.  
9.50 a.m.—Green Fields and Pavements.  
10.05 a.m.—The Twilight Serenade.  
10.25 a.m.—Close down.

## TRANSMISSION 2

Frequencies—  
GSH 2147 Mc/s (13.97 m.)  
GSH 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)  
GSG 15.14 Mc/s (19.82 m.)  
GSG 15.15 Mc/s (19.76 m.)  
10.45 a.m.—Big Ben. Beethoven String Quartet.  
11.15 a.m.—Famous London Buildings. "The Story of Southwark Cathedral".  
11.45 a.m.—Fred Hartley and his Sextet, with Cyril Grantham.  
12.10 p.m.—Royal Tennis. A broadcast from King Henry VIII's court at Hampton Court.  
12.25 p.m.—Music in the Morning.  
1 p.m.—World Affairs. A talk by H. Wickham Steed.  
1.15 p.m.—Monologues in Melody.  
1.30 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 1.45 p.m.  
1.55 p.m.—Close down.

## TRANSMISSION 3

Frequencies—  
GSH 2147 Mc/s (13.97 m.)  
GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)  
GSF 15.14 Mc/s (19.82 m.)  
GSJ (to 3.30 p.m.) 2153 Mc/s  
2.15 p.m.—Big Ben. The Symphonies of Beethoven. Symphony No. 8 in F, Op. 93.  
2.45 p.m.—Violin Recital by Rostnikov.  
3 p.m.—"Palace of Varieties".  
4 p.m.—The News & Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 4.15 p.m.  
4.20 p.m.—"Matters of Moment". A talk by the Right Hon. the Earl of Lytton, K.G., G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E.  
4.35 p.m.—Ballet Music.  
5 p.m.—Close down.

## BROADCAST FROM DAVENTRY

### TRANSMISSION 1

Frequencies—  
GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)  
GSO 15.13 Mc/s (19.76 m.)  
GSD 11.75 Mc/s (25.52 m.)  
GSE 9.51 Mc/s (31.55 m.)  
G.M.T.

8.15 a.m.—Big Ben. "World Affairs". A talk by H. Wickham Steed.  
8.30 a.m.—The Symphonies of Beethoven. Symphony No. 8 in F, Op. 93.  
9 a.m.—Variety.

## What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE KING'S—"Dark Hazard", with Edward G. Robinson, Genevieve Tobin and Glenda Farrell. The story of an inveterate gambler who is so engrossed with his passion for gambling that he has little time for the gentler sex, neglects his wife, but turns back to her after a wily vamp has done her worst.

AT THE QUEEN'S—"Flight From Glory", with Chester Morris and Whitney Bourne. A gripping drama of an aerial legion of lost men and concerns the harrowing experiences of a group of renegade aviators engaged in flying condemned planes over the lofty peaks of the treacherous Andes.

AT THE ORIENTAL—"The 13th Chair."—Grim mystery among a group of people gathered round a table for a seance, and solution of a baffling murder by the use of a second seance, with the murder weapon's location known only to the audience are but a few of the exciting elements of this film. The cast includes, Dame May Whitty, Madge Evans, Thomas Beck, Lewis Stone, Elissa Landi and Ralph Forbes.

AT THE ALHAMBRA—"The Road Back", with Barbara Read, John King, Richard Cromwell, Slim Summerville and Lionel Atwill. Intensely human, powerfully dramatic with a skilful blending of comedy, pathos and suspense, the story vividly tells of life in Germany following the Armistice. It concerns the efforts of a group of boys to adjust themselves to conditions as they find them after four years of absence in the trenches. The sequel to "All quiet on the Western Front" and written in the same outspoken manner.

AT THE STAR—"Brewster's Millions", with Jack Buchanan. A United Artists' production that is sure to please.

AT THE MAJESTIC—"365 Nights in Hollywood", with Frank Mitchell, Jack Durant, Frank Melton, Alice Faye and John Qualen. An insight of the comical side of the inside workings of Hollywood.



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## BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

## A LINE OF PLAY

"Dear Mr. Culbertson: I imagine that you are not fond of deciding arguments that have resulted in large wagers, but this time you may proceed with the virtuous feeling that it is for sweet charity."

"A friend of mine and I virtually put on the gloves over the enclosed hand. (He thinks he is an expert and I know I am, so these little settos are bound to occur from time to time). We have wagered \$100 on what your answer will be to one specific question, the loser to send his check to a charitable organization. For your compensation you may, if you wish, publish the hand and your answer in your column. Is that liberal enough?"

North, dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

S—K Q J 3 7 3

H—A 4

D—7 3

C—A K 6

WEST

S—10 5 S—9 6

H—10 9 7 2 H—K 8 5 3

D—Q J 10 9 5 D—6 4 2

C—7 5 C—J 10 9 4

EAST

S—A 4 2

H—Q J 6

D—A K 8

C—Q 8 3 2

SOUTH

S—A 4 2

H—Q J 6

D—A K 8

C—Q 8 3 2

The bidding:

North East South West  
1 spade Pass 3 no trump Pass  
4 no trump Pass 5 no trump Pass  
7 spades Pass 7 no trump Pass  
Pass Pass

"Maybe the bidding was not so good, but that did not enter into our argument. Of course the take out of seven spades to seven no trump was based on nothing but nauseating conceit. South's idea being to play the hand himself rather than let North play it. (Guess which position I was in.)

"West opened the diamond queen. Declarer won and ran off five spade tricks. On the third, fourth, and fifth rounds West let go two hearts and one diamond. East, on the third round of spades, played the eight of hearts, on the fourth the three, and on the fifth a diamond.

But, as I have said, this line of play is predicated on the fact that East actually held the heart king and the club stopper. Laying aside the question of East's heart signal and the credibility of same, the heart finesse is not to be criticised. Since, therefore, it becomes a question of properly appraising the defenders' signalling habits, this court hereby refuses to pass decision, although deeply regretting that this refusal may result in sweet charity's being gypped.

### TO-DAY'S QUESTION

Question: The bidding has been: South—West—North—East. 1 club—Pass—2 spades—Pass. What should be South's next bid with S—Q—1 4 H—9 6 D—A 8 C—A 3 10 9 7 4? Answer: Three clubs.

SHOWING  
TO-DAY

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HEAVY LOSS BY  
SHEK-O RESIDENT

Jewellery and clothing, which included a fur and a hand bag, to the total value of \$1,709, has been reported stolen by Mrs. E. H. B. Neil of No. 4, Bungalow, Shek-O, with a chopper wound, believed to have been self inflicted.

Mrs. Choy, Lui-chui, of No. 16, Arbuthnot Road, reported the loss of money and jewellery to the value of \$431 from the above address.

The dead body of Lam Chung, aged 28, a shop boy, was found in a latrine in Main Street, Shek-O, with a chopper wound, believed to have been self inflicted.

CHARTER COMPANIES FOR  
COLONIAL DEVELOPMENT?

Paris, To-day.

The London correspondent of "L'Epopee" says that the intention of Britain and France is to ask Germany and Italy to give a solemn promise not to resort to force in order to obtain fulfilment of their demands.

In return for this assurance, the colonial powers would make concessions to Germany.

Formation of "charter companies" had been suggested in trying to get Germany to co-operate in exploitation of certain African colonies.

"Le Jour" says that M. Yvon Delbos, on his forthcoming tour of the Little Entente capitals, will act not only as France's representative but as Britain's as well.

M. Delbos' tour is expected to be as important as Lord Halifax's Berlin visit.

## ENTIRE POSITION

As for the situation in the Far East, it is not either for France or Britain a mere case of Customs duties but of safety of their entire position in the Far East, that is, of Indo-China in the case of France, and of Hong Kong and other centres in that of Britain.

No secret agreement will emerge from the London talks, the paper thinks, but there is no doubt that Anglo-French friendship is as strong as it ever was.—Trans-Ocean.

## German Silence

Berlin, To-day. Official German reticence over the Anglo-French talks in London continues, and there seems to be no inclination, even after publication of the official communiqué, to be either optimistic or pessimistic about the outcome of the talks.

The only comment is satisfaction with the realisation that Lord Halifax's Berlin visit cleared up much misunderstanding.—Trans-Ocean.

## BOMB HAVOC

Paris, To-day.

Forty were killed and 65 wounded when Nationalist bombers raided Guadalajara yesterday.

Widespread damage was done.—Trans-Ocean.

## FINE GENERALLY

The Royal Observatory reported this morning that the anti-cyclone has decreased considerably in intensity, and pressure is now highest to the south of the Yangtse Valley.

A depression covers the Kurile Islands.

Local forecast: — N.E. winds, moderate; fine generally.

Shanghai, To-day.

The U.S.S. *Angusta*, flagship of Admiral Harry Yarnell, is sailing for Manila on December 14 and will be replaced by the light cruiser U.S.S. *Marblehead*.

It is not yet known whether Admiral Yarnell will remain.—Reuters.

ANTI-AIRCRAFT  
DIVISION OF  
TERRITORIALS

London, To-day. Major General Sir Frederick Pile, who from 1923 to 1932, was Assistant Director of Mechanization and last year commanded the Canal Brigade in Egypt has been appointed commander of the first Anti-Aircraft Division, Territorial Army.—British Wireless.

Austrian Finance  
Minister

London, To-day. Dr. Neumayr, the Austrian Finance Minister, had a conversation with the Chancellor of the Exchequer at the House of Commons yesterday afternoon. After the interview, Dr. Neumayr was taken to the Distinguished Stranger's Gallery and listened to the debate for a short time.—British Wireless.

Canton, To-day.

A large aircraft carrier has arrived in South China waters from Formosa.—Our Own Correspondent.

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## EAGLE PLANE INCIDENT

The following statement regarding the firing by an unidentified vessel on a plane from H.M.S. Eagle engaged in exercises, was issued this morning:

"It appears that when the Eagle's plane was about 30 miles E.S.E. of Wagan, it came out of the clouds and dropped a smoke float in order to determine wind direction.

"An unidentified surface vessel which was below the aircraft, apparently mistook the aircraft for a scouting plane from Canton, and fired at her.

The float fell into the sea some distance away from this surface vessel. The crew of the plane suppose that the surface vessel mistook this object for a misdirected bomb.

The whole matter has been referred to the commander-in-chief and when the vessel is identified, he will decide whether any action is necessary.

No further details will be available until the Eagle returns from her exercises.

## JAPANESE BAN REOPENING OF FACTORIES

Shanghai, To-day.

Factories and shops in the northern suburbs of Shanghai will not be permitted to re-open by the Japanese for some time, nor may Chinese inhabitants of these areas be employed by foreign concerns.

Announcement of this Japanese ban accompanied release of information that residents of the war-ravaged suburbs would be permitted to return about December 15.

All foreigners returning to the northern suburbs will have to comply with regulations by which no visible light may be carried after sundown and no persons may leave their homes after 10 o'clock at night.

—Trans-Ocean.

## JAPANESE CLOSING THE OPEN DOOR

Washington, To-day.

The State Department has asked for information from consular representatives in China in reference to the report that Tientsin customs rates have been reduced on a wide range in favour of Japanese products.

If the report is correct, it is believed here that it will mean the closing of the "open door" of commercial equality in China for foreign nations.

—Trans-Ocean.

## TERRORISM UNDER CONTROL?

Jerusalem, To-day. Two British battalions have arrived at Haifa to replace battalions leaving Palestine, says an announcement.

Acts of terrorism appear to be decreasing, thanks to the energetic measures taken by the authorities.—Trans-Ocean.

## FLYING BOAT'S 30,000 MILE SURVEY

London, To-day. Imperial Airways Empire flying boat Centaurus is scheduled to leave Southampton on Friday this week on a 30,000-mile survey flight to Australia and New Zealand.

In the course of the flight the first commercial survey flight by flyingboat across the Tasman Sea will be made.

Centaurus will operate in Australia over Imperial Airways' marine air route to Karachi, and thence over the proposed flyingboat route via Calcutta, Singapore and Darwin.—Reuter.

## KING'S GIFT TO ATTACK ON T.B. IN INDIA

New Delhi, To-day. The King heads the first list of donations, with £750, to the King Emperor's Fund for a new attack on tuberculosis in India. The Queen also donated £250.

The Fund is to commemorate the King Emperor's accession to the throne, and will aim to establish and finance an all-India association for prevention and treatment of tuberculosis, regarded as the most insidious disease known in India.

The scheme is receiving widespread support, particularly from ruling Indian Princes, and among other large gifts is one of £37,000 from the Nizam of Hyderabad.

—Reuter.

## BRITISH EMPIRE AND UNITED STATES

Canberra, To-day. Economic co-operation between the British Empire and the United States was warmly welcomed by the Governor-General of Australia, Lord Gowrie, in a speech at the opening of the new Commonwealth Parliament yesterday.

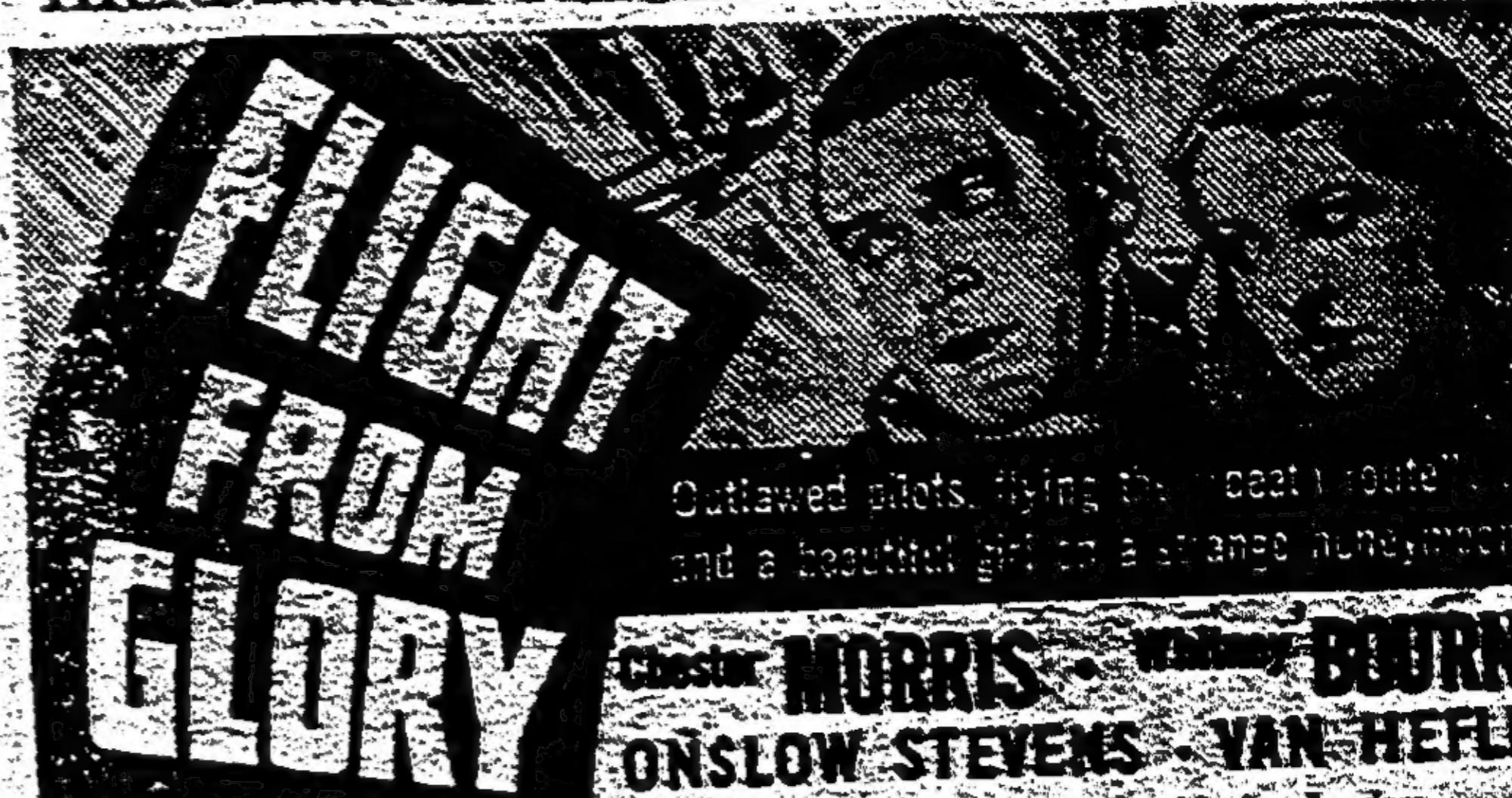
Australia, he said, would make every effort to further such co-operation, provided her vital interests were safeguarded.—Trans-Ocean.

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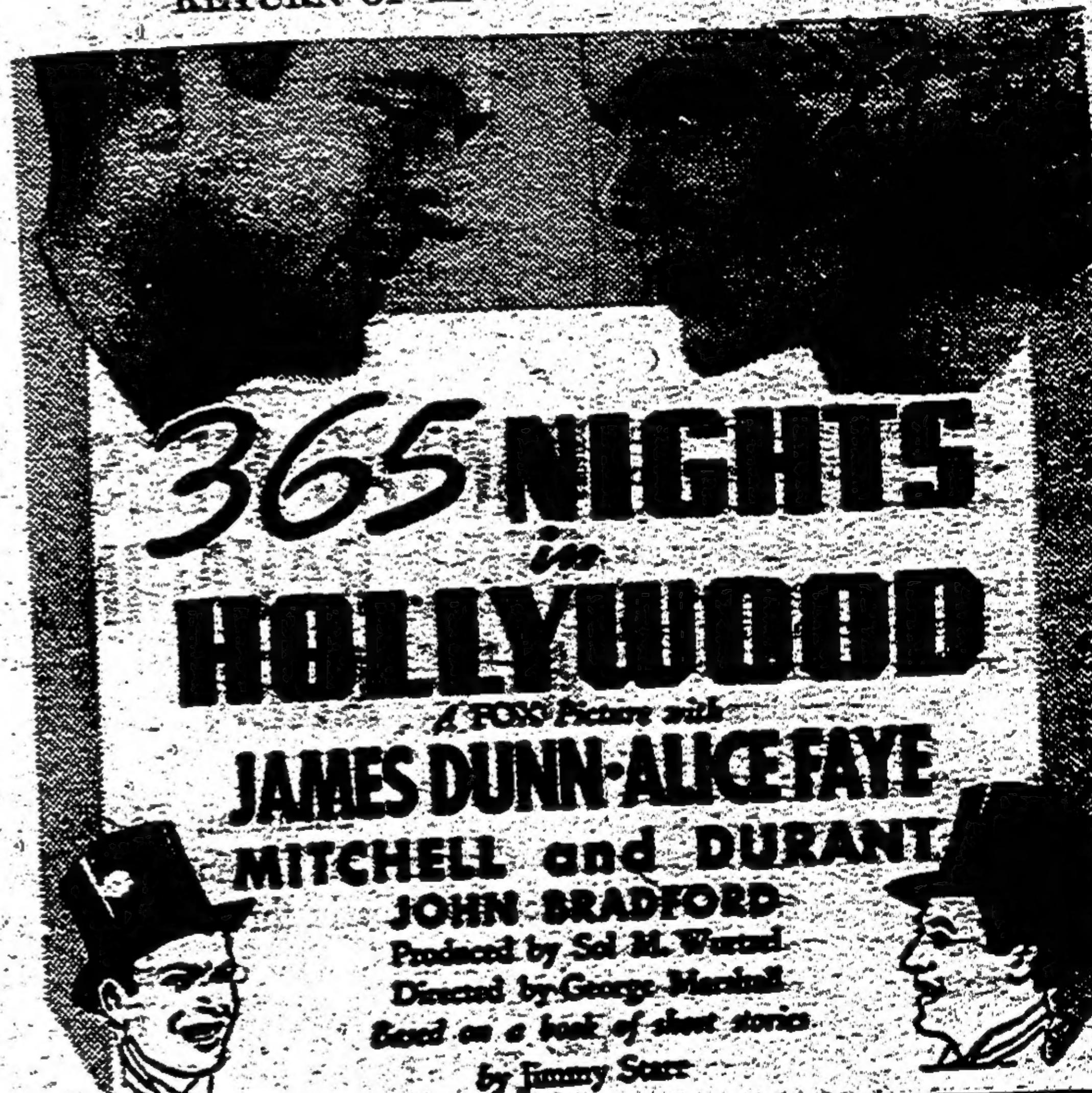
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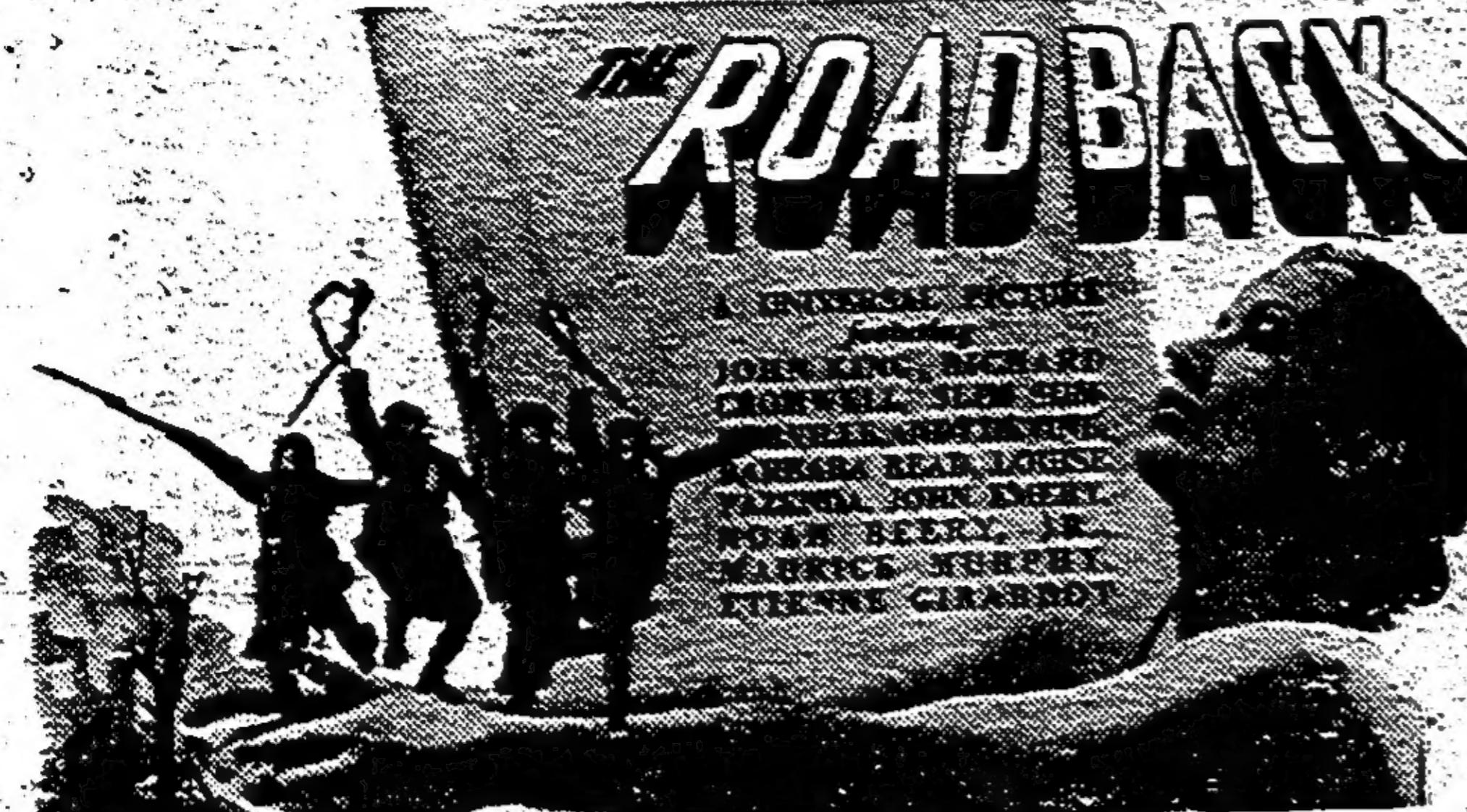
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## LABOUR AND ANGLO-FRENCH CONVERSATIONS

London, To-day.

The Prime Minister read the communique to the House of Commons when questioned regarding the conversations of the last two days with the French statesmen, M. Chautemps and M. Delbos.

The French Ministers were glad to recognise that while Lord Halifax's visit, being of private and unofficial character, was not expected to lead to any immediate results, it had helped to remove the causes of international misunderstanding and was well calculated to improve the atmosphere. The problems of Europe as whole and the future prospects of appeasement and disarmament came under review. On these important subjects, the French and British Ministers found fresh evidence of that community of attitude and outlook which so happily characterises the relations between France and the United Kingdom.

### EXTENDING SCOPE

Mr. Attlee asked Mr. Chamberlain if he was prepared to extend the conversations to other countries and not confine them to France and Germany, with a view to arriving at a general settlement with all the countries of Europe.

The Premier replied: "Mr. Attlee will be aware that the ultimate object we have in view is what he has described as a general settlement. It is quite obvious that no general settlement can be arrived at merely by conversations between two, or even three, countries. Therefore we must ultimately contemplate that other countries should be brought into the conversations. At the same time, I should make it clear that we do not think we have yet gone so far as to render advisable an immediate extension of the conversations. That may perhaps come at a later stage." — British Wireless.

The R.M.S. "Empress of Japan" is due at Yokohama to-morrow at 6 a.m. and leaves for Honolulu, Victoria and Vancouver on Friday at 1 a.m.

## ARMY OF MERCY

Shanghai, To-day. Shanghai witnessed another invasion this morning when a feminine Army of Mercy, consisting of 500 Chinese girls dressed in attractive Red Cross uniforms, launched a local drive of the International Red Cross.

The girls are aiming to collect \$100,000 in a week.

The local campaign is part of a worldwide drive to raise \$10,000,000 to aid refugees in local war areas. — Reuter.

## NANTAO FIRES STILL RAVAGING WIDE AREA

Shanghai, To-day. Although the Chinese troops evacuated nearly three weeks ago, and Nantao is now occupied by a Japanese garrison, huge fires are still ravaging a wide area in the native city.

All night last night flames could be seen shooting up freshly lighted from many quarters, and row upon row of Chinese dwellings are feeding the hungry flames.

The conflagration is believed to be of incendiary origin.

Foreign eye-witnesses who have visited Nantao, report that this once densely populated Chinese city is rapidly becoming a blackened mass of charred ruins, while factories, schools and warehouses are mostly all burned out. — Reuter.

## FRENCH STATESMEN DEPART

London, To-day. M. Camille Chautemps and M. Yvon Delbos left yesterday afternoon for Paris.

M. Chautemps told pressmen at the station that he had nothing to add to the official communiqué.

The French delegation, he said,

## JAPAN GETTING FEET DEEPER INTO INTERNATIONAL QUAGMIRE

London, To-day.

Discussing the situation in China, "The Times" writes that the Far Eastern conflict doubtless formed one of the subjects of conversation in the Anglo-French talks, since French Indo-China and the French Concession at Shanghai constitute interests comparable with British interests in Hong Kong and the International Settlement.

After admitting that Japanese strategy has been, on the whole, successful, the journal discusses the prospects of peace and says that since Tokyo has not even outlined the basis on which peace could be concluded, it could not be expected that a third power would consent to the delicate and thankless task of offering its mediation.

In view of probable territorial demands by Japan, and determination of the Chinese to resist them, the journal considers the prospects of peace at the present time to be unfavourable.

In this connection, the journal observes that Japan undoubtedly desires to retain a large part of China, but that the task of maintaining order there would be more difficult and costly than in Manchukuo. On the other hand, utterances of Japanese statesmen had revealed their conviction that war between Japan and Russia will be inevitable sooner or later, and that in such an event Japan hopes to be able to rely on the co-operation of China.

### FEET IN QUAGMIRE

If, however, Japan has designs on Outer Mongolia and Eastern Siberia, it would be unwise for her to keep such a large army of occupation in North China.

The journal concludes by stating that Japanese statesmen have often declared it to be Japan's destiny to dominate the surrounding world like a giant, and that Japan would be ill-advised in this case to place her feet in a quagmire. — Trans-Ocean.

## LONG STAY IN HOSPITAL FOR PR. BERNHARD

Amsterdam, To-day.

"The doctors are satisfied with the condition of Prince Bernhard, who has fully recovered consciousness and is taking an interest in his surroundings.

"Prince Bernhard sleeps a lot and has full control of his mental faculties, while his companion in the car is, in the circumstances, making good progress."

So runs a bulletin issued late yesterday afternoon, which adds that the Prince will have to stay in hospital several weeks.

Although he has recovered consciousness, he cannot remember details of the accident. — Trans-Ocean.

He was returning home with pleasant memories of the visit to London. — Trans-Ocean.

## AERIAL ACTIVITY IN SPAIN

Barcelona, To-day. Government planes yesterday raided Almedievar, the Nationalist base where many Moors are concentrated.

The raiders claim to have bombed the barracks and other military objectives and to have inflicted heavy casualties. — Reuter.

## HUNGARIAN LOAN REPORT DENIED

Budapest, To-day. Hungary is not trying to float a loan in London, says an authoritative announcement, denying rumours that the Finance Minister would shortly proceed to London to negotiate with City bankers.

The Finance Minister is at present in Geneva, where he is taking part in the proceedings of the finance committee of the League of Nations, and will return to Budapest immediately this session is over. — Trans-Ocean.

## COUNT ISHII IN ROME

Budapest, To-day. A conference of Italy, Hungary and Austria, signatories to the Rome Protocol of March, 1934, is to be held shortly.

Count Ciano, the Foreign Minister, will represent Italy at the conference, which is to be held in Budapest probably in the first week of January. — Trans-Ocean.

## Rome Protocol Conference

Rome, To-day. The former Japanese Foreign Minister, Count Ishii, arrived here yesterday afternoon with his son.

Viscount Ishii was received at the station by the Japanese Ambassador.

Rome is the first stage of a tour he is making of various European capitals. — Trans-Ocean.

# BRITAIN AND FRANCE IN AGREEMENT ON POLICY

## Ready To Protect Interests In Far East COOPERATION OF ALL CONCERNED ESSENTIAL

London, To-day.

Lord Halifax's visit to Berlin being private and unofficial, it is not expected to lead to any immediate results, declares a communiqué issued after yesterday's talks between British and French statesmen in London.

The Lord President's visit has helped to remove the causes of international misunderstanding, and was well calculated to improve the atmosphere.

The Anglo-French conversations dealt with the problems of Europe as a whole, and on this important subject the British and French ministers found fresh evidence of community of attitude and outlook regarding German colonial claims.

It was recognised that this question should not be considered in isolation, as it would involve a number of other countries, and it was agreed that the subject required a more extended study.

It was agreed that the policy of non-intervention in Spain was fully justified, and it was resolved to continue it.

The French and British ministers examined the Far Eastern question, the gravity of which was fully recognised.

### READY TO PROTECT RIGHTS

They were agreed on their readiness to co-operate with other Powers similarly placed to protect their rights and interests and meet obligations arising from Far Eastern international treaties.

The ministers reaffirmed the desire to co-operate with all countries in the common task of promoting international appeasement by methods of free and peaceful negotiations.

### NO DIVISION

"The communiqué should put an end to any suggestions that there has been any division between Britain and France," states Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

It is felt, he adds, that there has never been a more clearly marked harmony of views between the two countries, but it is pointed out that this does not imply formation of a united front against any other Power.

The ministers in the Anglo-French talks expressed the view that the visit of Lord Halifax to Germany had helped to clear the atmosphere, and the fact that there is agreement between Britain and France on this point should help to facilitate eventual approach of Germany.

### LESS STIFF

It is pointed out that a situation which was tending to crystallise has now become less stiff, and consequently was creating new opportunities.

The statement in the communiqué that the colonial question cannot be taken in isolation, is interpreted as meaning that the ques-

tion cannot be considered apart from other questions, and apart from other countries interested in the matter.

The Governments of the Dominions have already been informed of the results of the talks, and it is understood that Belgium, as a colonial Power, will also be kept informed.

### DIPLOMATIC EFFORT

A great amount of work remains to be done through diplomatic channels, and no approach can be made to Germany until progress is made in this work.

It is reiterated that any colonial settlement would have to form part of a very much wider general settlement, and in this connection it is pointed out that whereas Germany wants colonies, Britain and France require an arms agreement.

It is emphasised that main purpose of the discussion on the Spanish question has been throughout to prevent a general conflagration. It was agreed that the policy of non-intervention had been successful, and it was proposed to continue it.

### CO-OPERATION ESSENTIAL

As regards the Far East, there was mutual realisation of the seriousness of the situation and willingness to co-operate with other powers similarly placed.

It is felt that no useful result could be achieved in present circumstances except by co-operation with all concerned.

The general review of the foreign situation included relations with Italy, as well as the questions of the Balkans, North Africa and the Soviet, in all of which complete agreement was manifested.

### WAR DANGER LESS

It is gathered that the question of Germany's return to the League arose, but recognition of conquest of Abyssinia did not arise directly. Recent feeling that there is no immediate danger of war, was strengthened.

France and Britain have shown that they want peace and are prepared to make contributions to peace by an attitude which is both conciliatory and firm. — Reuter

### FACTORS IN COLONIAL PROBLEM

London, To-day. If Britain and France should agree to Germany's colonial claims, at least three British Dominions as well as Belgium, will be drawn into consultation on the subject.

This view was expressed to Trans-Ocean last night by well-informed quarters. — Trans-Ocean.

### FAR-REACHING MEASURE OF AGREEMENT

London, To-day. A far-reaching measure of agreement has been secured between the French and British Governments on the colonial problem, according to press comment.

From newspaper reports it would appear that the Western Powers would like to conclude a political bargain with Germany in order to allay fears concerning future developments in Central Europe.

Such fears are believed to be more widely prevalent in France than in England, where, since the return of Lord Halifax, political circles incline to believe that Germany does not desire to influence Central Europe unduly.

Political circles opine that if Germany is ready to accept a compromise, Britain and France would be prepared to make certain concessions in the colonial question.

It is generally held that Britain and France will co-operate in the colonial question in the event of Germany being willing to make a contribution to the cause of European peace. — Trans-Ocean.

### MAHMOUD PASHA REFUSES TO DISARM BODYGUARD

Cairo, To-day.

The opposition leader, Mohammad Mahmoud Pasha, against whom demonstrations were organised on Monday in connection with the attempt on the life of the Premier, has refused to allow his Egyptian bodyguard, which fired on the mob, to be disarmed.

As reason he gives the inadequate protection afforded him by the police.

His house was searched by police yesterday. — Trans-Ocean.

In connection with production of the YMCA Christmas Pan-tomime, seats may be booked at the European YMCA or at Messrs. Anderson Music Co., Ltd.

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# THE JAPANESE CASE AND AN ANSWER

SIR.—So much has appeared in the Press of late in connection with the Sino-Japanese hostilities that it is possible the reasons underlying the conflict have become obscured.

May I, therefore, ask that you be kind enough to publish in your esteemed paper the facts set out hereunder, which may, perhaps, help your readers to realise that, much as we deplore the conflict, we hold that the blame is not ours.

Why are Japan and China fighting each other and who began the fighting? — The view of the Japanese is that she is fighting in order to protect her legitimate rights in China, and further to eradicate the evil elements which have been, and still are, trying to destroy friendly relations between Japan and China. The view of the Chinese is that she wants to drive out the Japanese from China and, if possible, to secure the return of Manchukuo. And again, as to who began the fighting, Japan says that China did. The Chinese troops in Wapping, near Peiping, were deeply hostile to the Japanese garrison forces carrying on manoeuvres around Peiping. — They frequently interfered with Japanese troops. On the night of July 7th this year, some of them went to the length of firing at a section of Japanese soldiers on field exercise. Then the trouble started, in spite of repeated efforts on the part of Japan at settling the matter locally.

One might well ask, has Japan any right to station troops and carry out manoeuvres in China, but the right of

Concerning the reported attacks upon schools and hospitals, these institutions of learning and humanity were desecrated by Chinese troops who had occupied and fortified the buildings as shields for attack, or as refuges for defence. In this manner, to cite a few out of many examples, were the Patriotic Girls' School and the Sung-teh Girls' School of Shanghai and the Nankai University of Tientsin, converted into military establishments.

As regards hospitals, it is the Chinese and not the Japanese who have been making attacks on them. This is clearly substantiated by the example of the Japanese hospital ship, Asahi Maru, which was made the direct target of Chinese bombardments.

The rights and interests of nationals of third Powers are not being wilfully damaged and actually sacrificed in the conflict so far as the Japanese are concerned, as the Japanese commanders have issued statements that the rights and interests of the nationals of third Powers would be fully protected, and have ordered their forces to exert every possible care in this regard. It is inevitable, however, that when such property is occupied by, or otherwise used, to the advantage of Japanese troops, it becomes subjected to direct attack.

The stoppage of coastal traffic enforced by the Japanese Navy will not hamper the rightful navigation of the vessels of third powers, as vessels engaged in peaceful trading are totally exempted from the restrictions and are free to approach the Chinese ports.

Japan is now determined to fight the conflict to the finish. Peace will return only when China brings herself to realise the error of her ways — particularly of her belief that Japan can be driven out of the Asiatic continent by force.

Japan wants the complete abandonment by the Chinese of the notion that Japan is their enemy, and the severance of all ties between China and the communists, either native or foreign, who are working towards the undermining of the traditions and culture of Oriental civilisation.

"A JAPANESE."

## A Chinese Lawyer Answers

SIR.—A Japanese in stating the Japanese point of view refers to "International Law" to justify the ruthless bombing of Nanking, Canton and hundreds of other towns and villages throughout China, and the inhuman slaughter of innocent non-combatants by Japanese vultures.

Professor Shinobu, a reputed leading Japanese Jurist on International Law, was appointed the legal adviser of the Third Japanese squadron whose air force was responsible for the introduction of indiscriminate bombing of non-combatant civilians as a means of terrorising the Chinese people into submission and presumably it is he who is the father of the perverted idea that "according to International Law, a garrison town is subject to any form of bombardment".

The brutal and inhuman use of the Japanese airforce in the fighting in Shanghai in 1932 inspired the Hague Court to draft a Code relating to the use of the aeroplane in warfare. The articles relating to aerial bombardment are articles 22 and paragraph 2 of article 24. The code is known as the Hague Code of 1933.

The relevant articles are:

"Aerial bombardment for the purpose of terrorising the civilian population or destroying private property not of a military character or of injuring non-combatants is prohibited."

Japanese planes have also made a point of flying at low altitudes to ensure accuracy in dropping bombs, although thereby they have greatly jeopardised their own safety, inasmuch as both Nanking and Canton are strongly defended by powerful anti-aircraft batteries. Japanese war planes have never wilfully attacked non-combatants.

"The bombardment is due to the fact that your Government is anti-Japanese. Rise and overthrow the Government. If you do not, the bombings will be carried out day after day."

The bombing of schools, of Universities like Nankai University and private hospitals like the American Mission at Nantungchow come within the category of "private property not of a military character".

It will be remembered that in destroying Nankai University the Japanese authorities stated that "Nankai was a hotbed of anti-Japanese feeling and therefore must be destroyed. The destruction was carried out by bombing from the air, and then finished off by kerosene and fire.

The second relevant Article of the proposed code of the Hague the breach of which has raised world wide protest from all countries and for which the most intense feeling of hatred for the Japanese is spreading throughout China is paragraph 2 of Article 24.

This reads as follows:

"The bombardment of cities, towns, villages, dwellings, or buildings not in the immediate neighbourhood of the operation of land forces is prohibited. In cases where the objectives specified in Paragraph 2 (military establishments, arsenals, transport lines, etc.) are so situated THAT THEY CANNOT BE BOMBARDED WITHOUT INDISCRIMINATE BOMBARDMENT OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION, the aircraft must abstain from bombardment."

International legal circles point to this article as the crux of the entire question. According to one famous authority, "It is a statement of a rule which is based upon the highest common sense if on nothing else. Unless limitations are placed upon the exercise of the aeroplane loaded with bombs every place within that country is directly or indirectly connected with the waging of a war. And every person within that country is directly or indirectly connected with waging the war. Small they all be subject to de-

struction, although they may be hundreds or thousands of miles away from the scene of battle, where land forces or naval forces of the opposing countries are engaged in struggle."

"That would mean the annihilation of whole peoples, nations and races."

From the legal point of view the proposed code has not been passed but international law is a law of humanity and morality expressive of the feelings of man to man, as distinguished from the feelings of animal to man or man to animal. But the fact that the proposed code was formulated and made known to the world gives it the force of International ethics in case of war in which the weapon of aerial bombardment is made use of.

The bombing of Nantao, Sungkiang, Nanking, Canton, Soochow, Nanchang, Hankow, Tsinan, Taryuan all of which are large populated areas where congestion in such as to itself preclude the assembly of large bodies of armed men within any particular area of that congested space, have been rightly judged by world opinion to be gross violations of human right even between warring nations. The inhumanity of the conduct of the Japanese becomes all the more heinous when one remembers that they have not declared war upon China.

On this point one noted Chinese pointed out: "Professor Shinobu might even excuse his country by stating that the proposed rules of conduct laid down by the Hague would only apply IF WAR WERE DECLARED — but we still have had no declaration of war."

Just as the activities of Japan's troops and air force compelled the Powers to frame rules intended to govern aerial bombing, so the "frightfulness" of the Japanese war lords upon the defenceless non-combatant Chinese population will force World Opinion to take concrete measures for preventing desperate aggressive nations from carrying out ruthless destruction of civil populations by indiscriminate aerial bombardment. And in fine it were better for "A Japanese" not to refer to "International Law" in writing to the Press of a civilised country.

A CHINESE LAWYER.

## THE WORLD GOES BY By "ULYSSES"

IT has now been confirmed that the noise which was not heard at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, was, in fact, the much advertised air-raid warning and not as might have been thought, the Two Minutes Silence.

We wish the redhead who sits next to us on the Ferry every morning would not show such a tantalising expanse of silk stocking. Even at this early hour of the morning it is conducive to dangerous thoughts.

I see that General Ludendorff underwent an inflammation of the bladder, an inflammation of the bladder. The idea seems to be that something was wrong with his bladder.

One is pleased to note that the terms "emptied their bomb-racks" and "driven a wedge into" have disappeared from the stories of war correspondents. Their place, however, seems to have been taken by street fighting, which is never anything but "bitter" or "desperate."

Memoirs written by a banker are described by a critic as exaggerated. Overdrawn, as it were.

An Eskimo woman is old at forty. states an explorer. A Hong Kong woman of that age, of course, is only about twenty-eight.

This is a time of triumph for the Pessimist, who always has been expecting the worst. He's got it at last.

During a recent landslide in Southern Europe a golf course disappeared. This brings the total number of missing links up to two.

One wonders whether the phrase "Divine Law of Compensation" was coined by an ancient insurance man.

An American women's college ballot decided that the finest qualities in a man are constancy, loyalty, truthfulness, intelligence, humor and ambition. It would take at least six husbands to obtain the entire combination.

# UNIVERSITY ART EXHIBITION

Assembly Of Best Examples Of Modern Chinese Artists

## GEMS FROM LOCAL COLLECTIONS

The Art Exhibition organised by the Chinese Society of the University at the Fung Ping Shan Library, was officially opened by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, in the presence of a large gathering this morning.

OVER 200 EXHIBITS, SOME OF THEM LENT BY PROMINENT ART COLLECTORS ADORNED THE WALLS, WHILE ON TABLES WERE NUMEROUS EXHIBITS OF EXPERT CALLIGRAPHY.

Among those present were Lady Northcote, The Hon. Mr. R. A. C. and Mrs. North, Professor W. Brown, Professor C. Middleton-Smith, F. Byrne, Professor Hsu Ti-shan, Mr. S. V. Boxer and Mr. W. Kay, Mr. H. Gipperich, and the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo.

REPRESENTATIVE ART  
In introducing the Governor, Mr. Ma Kiam, President of the Chinese Society, said that one of the objects of the Chinese Society was to promote the study of Chinese culture.

About six months ago, in May, we held in this very building an exhibition of paintings by a modern Chinese artist. The occasion was the celebration of the coronation of King George VI. From that exhibition the present differs to some extent in that all its exhibits are works of art of past ages, some as remote as over a thousand years ago.

Perhaps you will remember that not so very long ago, there was an art exhibition held in London. I refer to the International Exhibition of Chinese Art at the Royal Academy of Arts. Now, all of you, who are gathered here to-day, know very well that in quantity, this little show here is not to be compared with the London Exhibition, which is above all a national collection, the efforts of hundreds of years. In this exhibition of ours, you will find that only a few individual collections are represented, and then only those of Hong Kong. Nevertheless, as far as quality is concerned, we can perhaps say that this little thing is in its own way quite unique. The exhibits are from some of the most valuable collections in the colony. It gives one a fair idea of what Chinese art has been. It is true that the exhibits represent only a small portion of the big whole that is now in Hong Kong, and that many well-known collections are left unrepresented. However, it is our cherished hope to hold such an exhibition once every year, eventually going from one form of Chinese art to another. And I am sure we can also always rely on the goodwill of all the other collectors in any such similar organisation in the future.

I must take this opportunity to thank His Excellency for having come to open the exhibition for us. I must also thank Lady Northcote and our Vice-Chancellor, Mr. Sloss, for the great interest they have taken in the exhibition and all our guests for having come to see it.

GOVERNOR'S SPEECH  
Declaring the Exhibition open, His Excellency the Governor, said:

"A very rich feast of beauty and interest awaits you and I have no intention of keeping you from your impending pleasure by any long speech. Nevertheless it is my happy duty to pay a few brief tributes to those who have made this great treat possible.

Primarily we have to thank two students of this University, Mr. Chau and Mr. Liang. These two gentlemen conceived the idea that there were many people in Hong Kong who would delight in seeing the valuable collections of Chinese art which are among their family possessions. They suggested this, therefore, to certain members of the University Staff who strongly backed the idea, and it thereupon began to take a definite shape. Subsequently the organisers of the exhibition invited some other possessors of Chinese paintings and porcelain to contribute their quota and I, who have had the privilege of a private view, can assure you that the outcome has been eminently successful.

We have, therefore, to be grateful first and foremost to Mr. Chau and Mr. Liang for initiating this exhibition, secondly to those experts, notably Professor Hsu, Mr. Ma Kiam, and Mr. Chan Kwan Po who have taken such pains on our behalf to display these beautiful works of art to best advantage, and thirdly those other contributors—too many to name—whose generosity has put within our reach the very lovely, interesting and valuable specimens of Chinese art which we are about to see. I cannot speak highly enough of their kindness, but I do thank them all on your behalf most gratefully. Lastly we owe a big debt of gratitude to the University Authorities for their encouragement of this project.

### MODERN ART

This is, I believe, the first exhibition of ancient Chinese art to be staged in the University. I am not without hope, however, from what the Vice-Chancellor let fall to me the other day, that it will by no means be the last. I understood that he contemplates something of the kind as an annual affair, though perhaps not of quite so wide a range as this first one. The idea is, I gather, to take one art-form, or even one or more periods of one art-form, at a time and to make each exhibition a special study of its type. That method would from the educative standpoint be the most effective possible and at the same time would entail no sacrifice of interest. I feel sure that you will all agree that this opens up a most pleasant prospect for us.

And now, Ladies and Gentlemen, with no more ado, I declare this exhibition open.

### FIRST OF SERIES

The Vice-Chancellor, Mr. Sloss, said: "It is my pleasant duty to thank Your Excellency for coming to open what I hope is only the first of a series of exhibitions of Chinese Art to be held in this Library. The Library itself, a gift of the late Mr. Fung Ping-shan to the University is a symbol that shows that though we are here to offer the gifts of the intellectual life of the West to Hong Kong and to China we do so recognizing that we come as learners also, to take back to the West something of the wisdom and humanity of the ageless culture of China. Some of us feel that the directest approach to the Chinese spirit is through the manifold beauties of Chinese art, that in the contemplation of its serenity, its austere rejection of what is trivial and adventitious we and our Chinese friends are preparing the ground for the growth of a common feeling nurtured by common admirations and by a common sense of aesthetic values. In the presence of this

## NOT GUILTY AFTER TEN DAYS

Gibraltar, To-day.

The British steamer "African Mariner," which was escorted into Malta on Nov. 20 by the destroyer H.M.S. Greyhound and taken over by the authorities for search, has now been released.

It was proved that the freighter had not infringed the Merchant Shipping (Carriage of Munitions to Spain) Act.—Reuters.

## STRAITS CUT IN CHINESE IMMIGRATION

Singapore, To-day.

The Straits Settlements authorities have decided to curtail the monthly immigration quota to the Straits Settlements from 6,000 to 3,000.

This is because of the fact that the rate at which Chinese are returning to China has slowed down owing to the Sino-Japanese hostilities.—Reuters.

## WAR SITUATION SERIOUS BUT NOT HOPELESS

Hankow, To-day.

"Nanking will be defended to the last breath and to the last shot," declared a spokesman of the Chinese Government to a Trans-Ocean representative in Hankow yesterday afternoon.

The Chinese defence lines round Nanking were being further strengthened, and strong Chinese forces are concentrated there, he added.

Although the Government had left the capital, Nanking would not be abandoned.

wealth of beauty differences vanish and we all in unity of spirit and in the bonds of peace" as our prayer book has it, contemplate the achievements of man's nobler mind.

### THANKS TO LENDERS

On behalf of the Chinese Society of the University I wish to thank the lenders of these treasures and to assure them of the genuineness of our appreciation of their kindness in allowing us to share their possessions with them. As you go round you will see on the cards to whom we are indebted and it will be my pleasant task to acknowledge one undoubtedness to them in the Press and individually.

Your Excellency has shown at every turn since your arrival your keen interest in the well-being of the University, and my colleagues and I are heartened by this. I can assure the friends of the University who have loaned us their treasures of Your Excellency's appreciation of them shown yesterday by your visit to our Exhibition, which ended only by the failure of daylight. We are deeply indebted to Your Excellency.

Among well-known collectors who loaned some of their art possessions to be exhibited were Mr. Mok Kon-sang, Messrs. Chow Man-chi, Wong Seng-tseng, Hsiao Chao-man, Leung Kin-wei, Lim Kuei-seng, Chan Shu-kai, Li Sheng-ming, Li King-hong, Yip Chi-chan, Poon Lan-chuen, Poon Kwok-chuen and Miss Cheung Kun-yi.

General Chiang Kai-shek had passed the watchword "China loses everything if she yields to Japan, but wins everything if she resists."

Japan being technically superior, China would protract the war in order to exhaust the enemy.

The spokesman described the situation at Nanking as once more being rather quiet.

### SERIOUS BUT NOT HOPELESS

The exodus had decreased, and there was no food shortage, all commodities still being on sale.

The situation on the front was serious but not hopeless.

The statement made by General Matsui that the Japanese army would march as far as Chungking, was characterised as "bluff."

China's resistance would remain unshaken. "China to-day is more ever determined to fight as long as a single Japanese soldier stands on Chinese soil," he concluded.—Trans-Ocean.

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**HOPE FOR  
CIVILISATION**

Whether or agrees with the submissions or not, and some of the excuses revolt the moral sense as sharply as the barbarities and excesses giving rise to international protest, it offers some measure of satisfaction that the Japanese should be impelled to pay lip service to civilised conduct by presenting themselves as greatly misjudged people. At least, it reveals a desire to avoid condemnation, even against such evidences of lack of repentance as was provided last week when Honam Island's contested quarters were shattered by bombs which took the lives of more than a hundred non-combatants miles from any military establishment.

There is, indeed, we regret to say, nothing in the conduct of the campaign in Shanghai or of the operations of aircraft in South China which give reason to believe that the Japanese militarists are prepared to concede anything to world opinion, to stay their hand in any form of ruthlessness if they believe they can thereby destroy more speedily the Chinese morale. It is Tokyo's publicists and her diplomats who have the task of explaining away these aberrations from civilised behaviour, and the explanations are many and ingenious. But that is not quite the point. The interesting thing is that Japan should deign to attempt to explain. For it gives fresh reason for the hope that some day or other the argument that morality and law are outmoded in international affairs will be falsified. Flagrant instances of callousness produce the counter-balancing protest. Both the good and the evil come to the surface side by side with demonstrations of lawlessness comes a deep and

forward demand for justice and humanity, which compels the respect even of the guilty.

The world which demands the settlement of international disputes on the basis of right rather than might, expresses a law whose restrictions and protections men increasingly experience as they lose materialistic concepts of their particular god. Already the human law among nations has patterned the demand, "Thou Shall Not Kill." And the moral revolt against Japanese aggression and against war in general will go on until that demand is satisfied also in the law among nations.

**Emergency Alarm**

The first test yesterday of Hong Kong's emergency alarm system could scarcely be described as satisfactory. Our own impression was that the method of conveying warning was far too transitory and fleeting to achieve its purpose. The boom of maroons was plain enough but the sirens of naval craft could not be heard in Queen's Road Central above the noise of traffic, while the police portable sirens seemed subject to much the same criticism. They were fast fading in the distance before they had conveyed the imperious type of warning one imagines to be essential to command instant attention. Effective warning in the event of a genuine emergency surely requires the employment of a method which in itself expresses urgency, and in which persistency is the dominating factor. Factory hooters properly exploited would serve the purpose much more satisfactorily than any of the devices adopted yesterday.

**What Makes Films**

**Popular?**

Why do people go to the moving pictures? Mr. Gilbert Seldes, the American critic, has just thrown the British film world into agitated discussion by hazarding the revolutionary and astounding opinion that they go to see moving pictures. Whereas, of course, everybody supposed they went to see stars.

Mr. Seldes has been doing some research work on this matter, and he has come to the conclusion that the film makes the star far more often than the star makes the film. When Rudolph Valentino, for example, appeared in the "Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse" he was comparatively unknown. Yet this film grossed far more than did any of his subsequent pictures made after he had become one of the three most famous screen players in the world.

It seems ten films that have obtained more than £500,000 in gross rentals succeeded without the strength of having a star name in the cast. Furthermore, it is significant that nearly half of them should be what is loosely called an "epic," a picture made on a lavish scale stressing the life of a people or community rather than the adventures of an individual. It would almost appear as if people will go to a super-film even if it is a film of supers.

# CHINESE PREPARING TO MAKE NEW STAND

## Natural Defences Along Liyang-Tanyang Line

### FALL OF KWANGTEH LATE YESTERDAY CHINESE RETREATING IN GOOD ORDER

Shanghai, To-day.

The occupation of Kwangteh, about fifty kilometres south-west of Taihu Lake, by Japanese mobile forces, is definitely confirmed by reliable quarters, although guerillas are reported to be harassing their lines of communication and the Chinese troops appear to have retired in good order.

Japanese advancing from Iking towards Liyang have already been brought to a halt by a stiffening of the Chinese resistance, but the Chinese are now gradually retreating to the Tanyang-Liyang-Likai line, which forms a natural defence.

Except on the extreme right Chinese line curves into Anhwei province and passes west of Kwangteh.

#### HALT AT PENNIU

After withdrawing from Changchow, Chinese troops are reported to have taken up positions near Penniu, some 15 kilometres west of Changchow, where heavy fighting is said to be progressing.

Japanese units, aided by mechanised detachments, are being engaged in brisk encounters on both sides of the Shanghai-Nanking Railway. — Reuter.

#### KIANGYIN SECTOR

Bitter fighting is reported to be going on in the mountainous country west of Kiangyin between the Japanese and the Chinese troops, who retired from Kiangyin yesterday, following one of the severest bombardments by Japanese naval and military planes on the Forts.

The Chinese line running from Kiangyin to the west of Changchow (Wutsin), is still intact, but no serious attempt is likely to be made to hold this line as the Japanese can bring their armoured cars into action very effectively in this area.

Chinese reports insist that Kwangteh has not yet been fully occupied by the Japanese forces. Street fighting has been going on since yesterday afternoon. — Our Own Correspondent.

#### ARC-SHAPED LINE

Shanghai, To-day.

The arc-shaped defence line located some 75 kilometres east of Nanking is being feverishly strengthened by Chinese troops as they prepare to make another desperate stand and arrest the rapid Japanese drive on the capital.

While a huge Chinese army is moving into position to check the Japanese onslaught, the Japanese military announce that their troops are continuing their westward advance.

Determined to defend Nanking, Chinese troops are reported to have completed preparations for a new defence position, which begins at Chinkiang and extends south-east through Tanyang, on the Shanghai-Nanking Railway, Kintan, at the junction of the Nanking-Hangchow and Nanking-Kiangyin highway, to Liyang, west of Iking.

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### HUMANE HELP FOR CHINA BY NETHERLANDS

The Hague, To-day.

A bill is to be tabled to provide humane help for China, announced the new Foreign Minister, Dr. Patijn, in his maiden speech in the Lower House yesterday.

Dr. Patijn said he would continue on the lines of his predecessor in foreign policy.

All possible conditions of safety would be fulfilled if the Netherlands inspired confidence that they would defend themselves at any cost.

He emphasised that the Netherlands are entirely free in armaments, and are not bound by promises or secret treaties.

#### NEUTRALITY

In regard to declarations of neutrality by Germany, the Netherlands is in a different position from Belgium, and the Government has always held the standpoint that they should decide whether passage of foreign armies through Dutch territory could be allowed.

If the great Powers were under no obligation to the Netherlands to agree that violation of Dutch territory would be a *casus belli*, the Netherlands Government can not object. — Reuter.

### PRINCE BERNHARD IMPROVES

Amsterdam, To-day.

The condition of Prince Bernhard, who was injured in a motor smash on Monday, is satisfactory, declares an official communiqué issued yesterday.

The communiqué adds that the Prince is making good progress. — Trans-Ocean.

### INSULT TO AMERICAN FLAG

Shanghai, To-day.

It now transpires that the Japanese not only hauled down the American flag on the steam launch owned by the China Foreign Steamship Co., but threw the emblem into the river.

This is according to Mr. William Hunt, head of the steamship company, an American concern, in a report to Mr. Clarence Gauss, the United States Consul-General.

Mr. Gauss' protest to the Japanese is therefore a twofold one, namely, against the insult to the flag and seizure of American property. — Reuter.

### HONG KONG AS CHINA'S CABLE CLEARING-HOUSE

Shanghai, To-day.

With radio and telegraphic communications between Shanghai and inland cities still disrupted, Hong Kong has become the clearing point and is relaying messages to and from this city.

Operating on the international circuit between Hong Kong and Shanghai, the Eastern Extension, Great Northern and Commercial Pacific cable companies

are carrying a heavy load of incoming and outgoing domestic messages which are being routed via Hong Kong.

The Chinese telegraph office still remains closed. — Reuter.

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## JAPANESE NAVAL CHANGES

Tokyo, To-day.

Several important changes in the naval command were officially announced by the Navy Ministry this morning.

Admiral Nagano, former commander of the combined fleet, is transferred to the Military Council.

Admiral Yoshida, former commander of the 2nd Squadron, is promoted commander-in-chief of the combined fleet and the Far Eastern squadron.

Admiral Shimada is appointed commander of the 2nd Squadron.—Our Own Correspondent.

## RUSSIANS IN TROUBLE

Nicola Nikilich Viazem, aged 33, unemployed Russian seaman, was this morning charged before Mr. R. Edwards with stowing away on the s.s. Kungchow, and with entering the Colony with a valid passport.

He was fined \$50, or six weeks, and an expulsion order was made against him.

Sergei Ivanovich Kilaroff, a Russian, was charged with vagrancy before Mr. R. Edwards this morning, but was remanded for 24 hours as he said he was staying with friends in Hillwood Road. It was stated that he had been warned several times by the Police to leave the Colony.

## PARIS EXHIBITION

Paris, To-day.

A bill authorising reopening of the Paris Exhibition in 1938, was tabled by the Minister of Commerce yesterday.

The bill fixes maximum expenses in this connexion at 450,000,000 francs.—Reuter.

## ANGLO-AUSTRIAN COOPERATION

London, To-day.

An Anglo-Austrian exchange of views on economic matters was started yesterday between the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir John Simon, and the Austrian Finance Minister, Dr. Neumeyer.

First meeting was held in the House of Commons and lasted an hour.

Official circles are reticent regarding matters discussed, but in the City it is supposed that the possibility of closer Anglo-Austrian economic co-operation was discussed.

Eventual granting of a British credit to Austria is envisaged in some quarters.—Trans-Ocean.

## POLAND'S LATEST SOVIET STORY

Warsaw, To-day.

No bachelors will in future be employed in the Soviet diplomatic service, nor will Russian diplomats abroad be allowed to take their wives and families with them.

This is the latest tale told by the Polish press, the implication being apparently that men with family ties in Russia will be more under the power of Moscow.—Trans-Ocean.

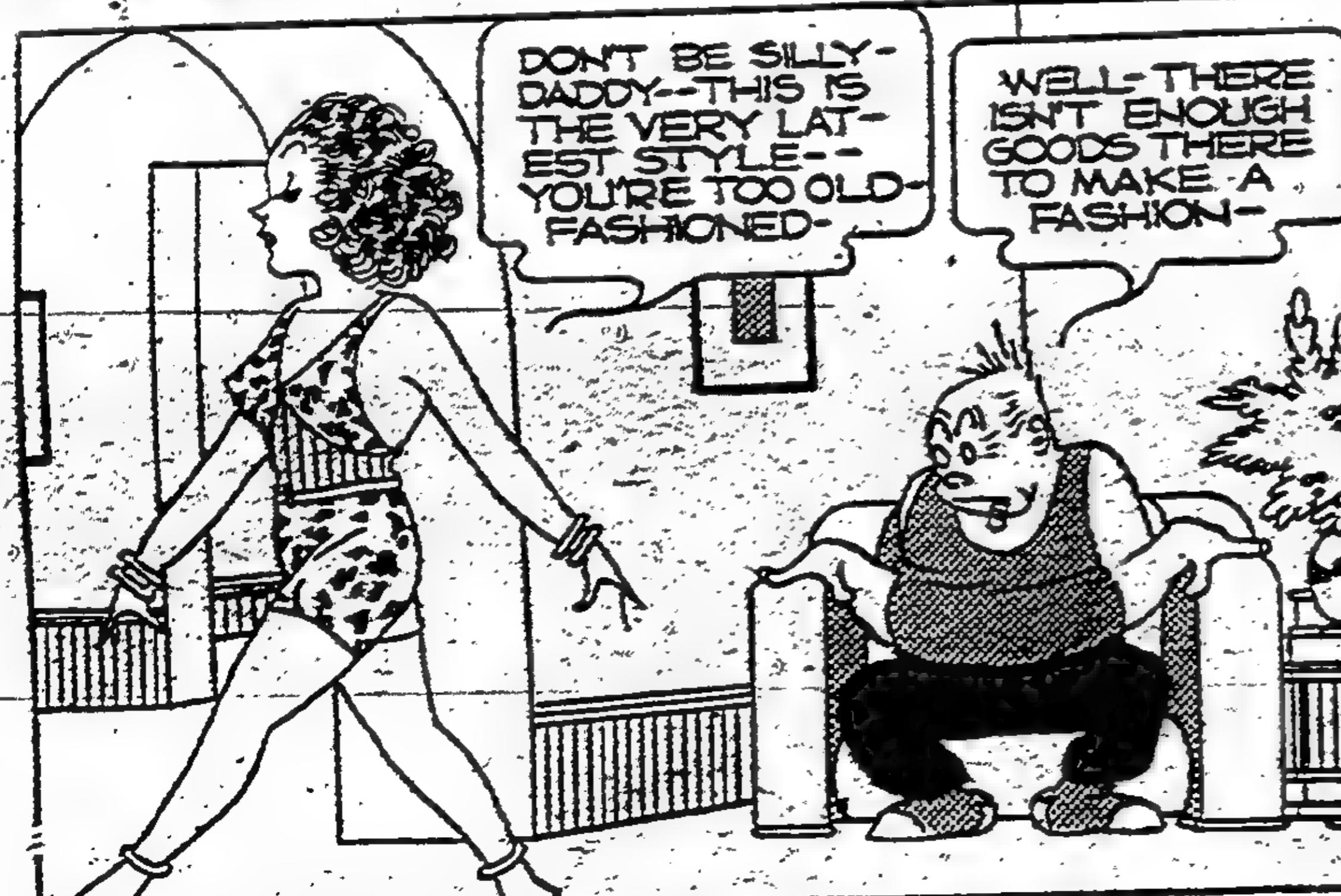
## NORTH INACTIVITY SETTLED

Shanghai, To-day. Reports from North China reveal another day of inactivity in the Yellow River region.

Troop movements on both sides have practically ceased, and indications are that General Han Fu-chu's forces have all been moved to prepared positions in readiness to meet any Japanese advance south of the river.—Our Own Correspondent.

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### Bringing Up Father



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## Big Scheme For Fortress At Hawaii

Honolulu, To-day.

THE United States is planning a big scheme for strengthening the defences of Hawaii, according to a message from Washington. The scheme, which would involve enormous expenditure, includes underground chambers for storage of munitions, oil and fuel.

In addition there will be emergency underground hangars for planes, while large barracks for the strong American garrison would be built on the island of Oahu.

## SOVIET'S THIRD FIVE YEAR PLAN

Moscow, To-day.

Soviet Russia's industrial production in 1938, the first year of the third Five-Year Plan, is to be 15.3 per cent higher than that to this year, states the newspaper "Pravda."

The programme for next year also provides for an increase of 8 per cent in wages.

Value of production in 1938 is expected to be \$4,300,000,000 roubles.

"Pravda" says that in competition with Capitalism the amount of work performed is the most important thing.—Trans-Ocean.

## German Revenue

Berlin, To-day.

Total German revenue from taxation for October this year exceeds that of October, 1936, by more than 170,500,000 reichsmarks.—Trans-Ocean.

## LUNCH WITH KING

London, To-day.

M. Camille Chautemps and M. Yvon Delbos lunched with the King and Queen at the conclusion of yesterday's conference with their British colleagues.—Trans-Ocean.

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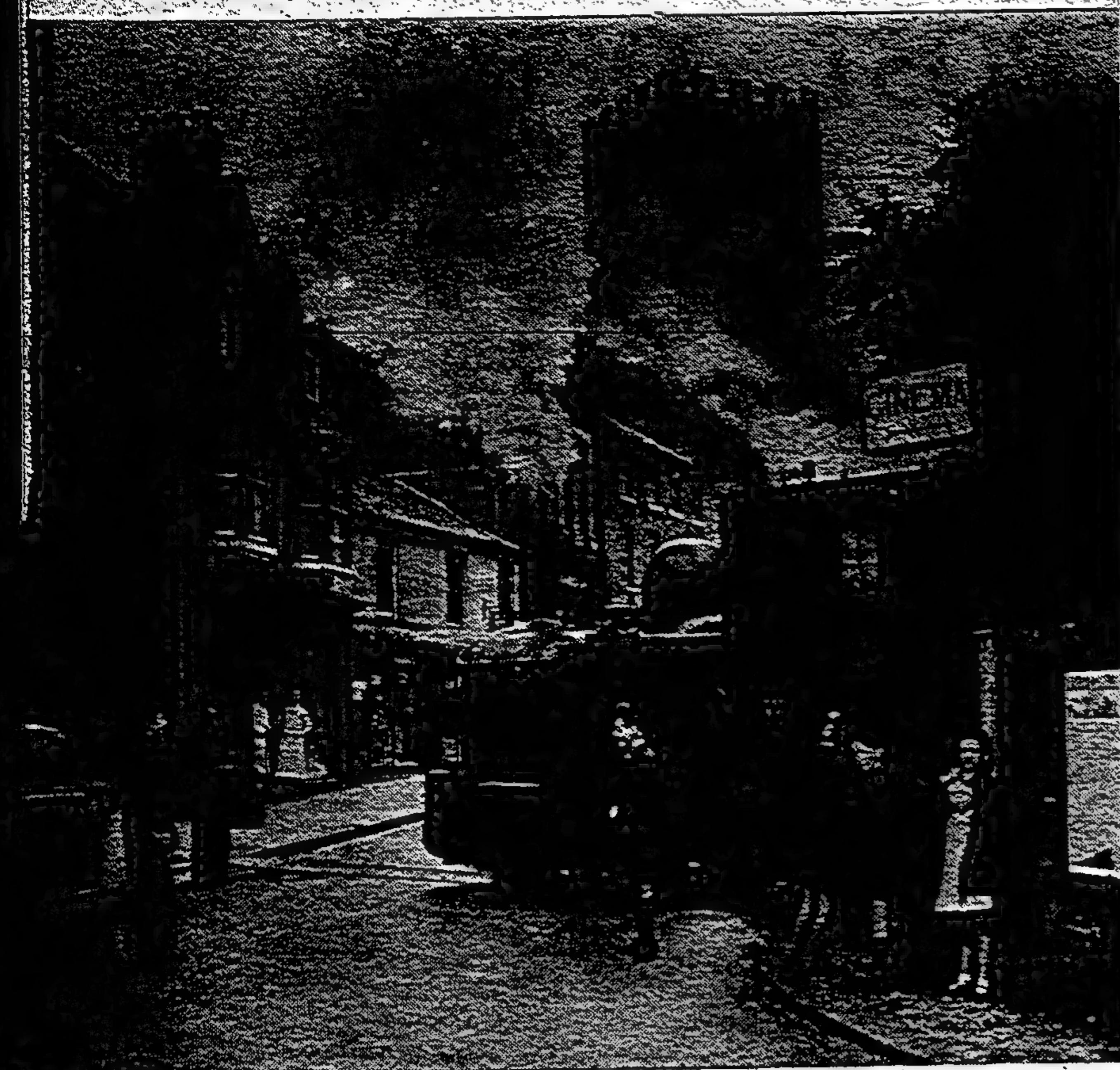
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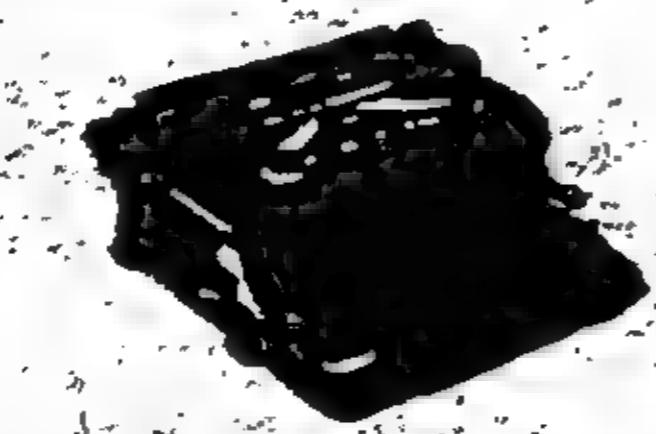
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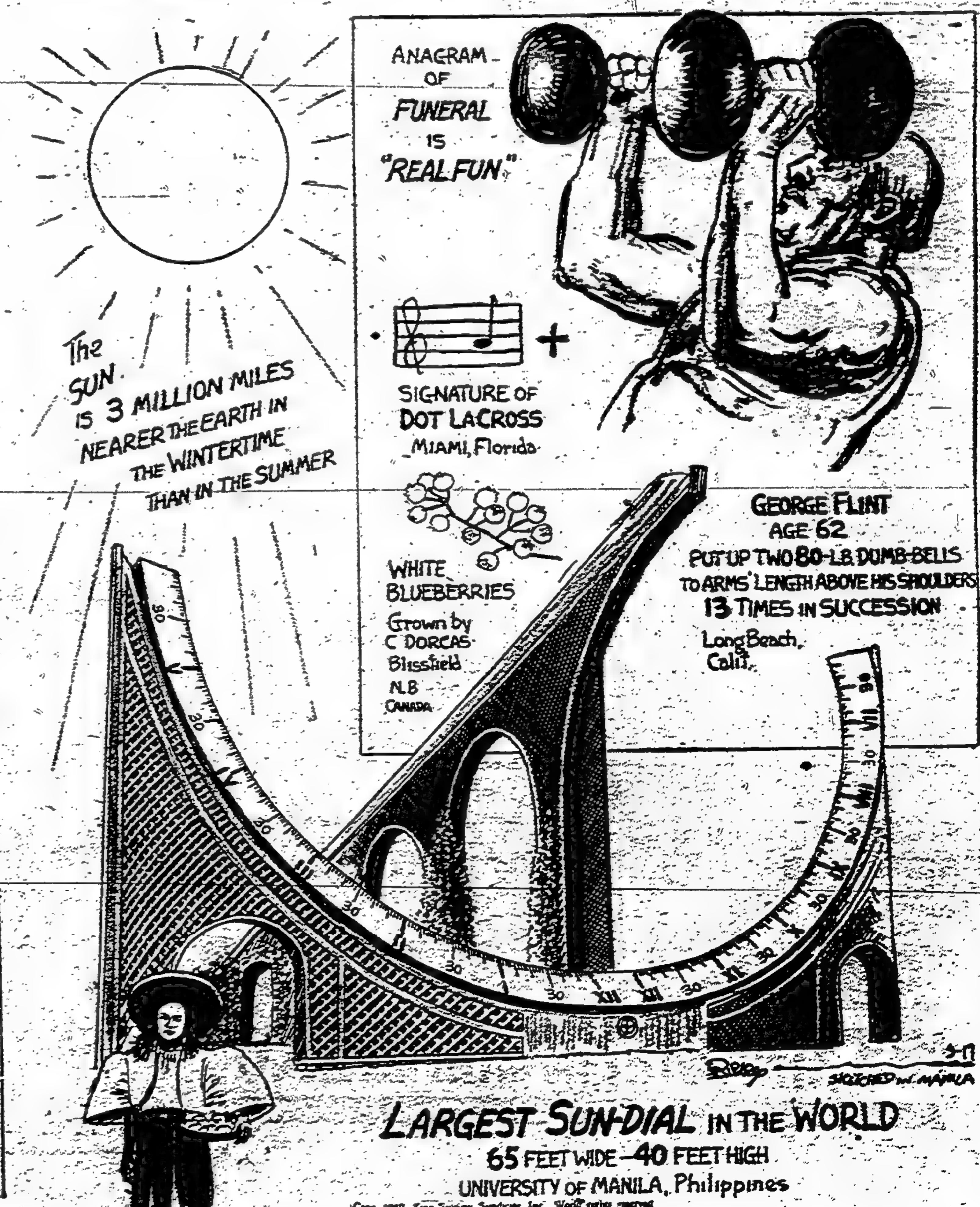
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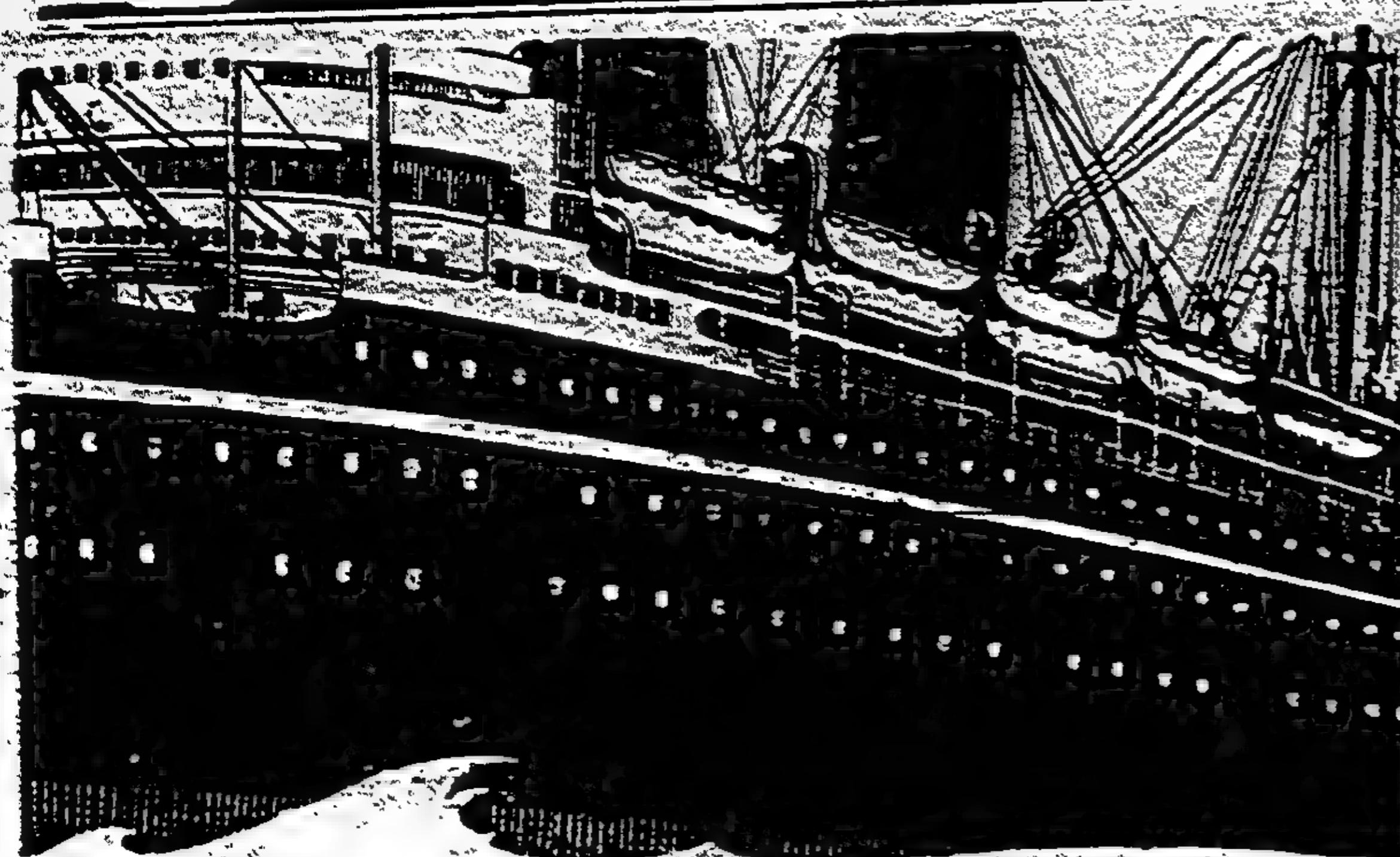
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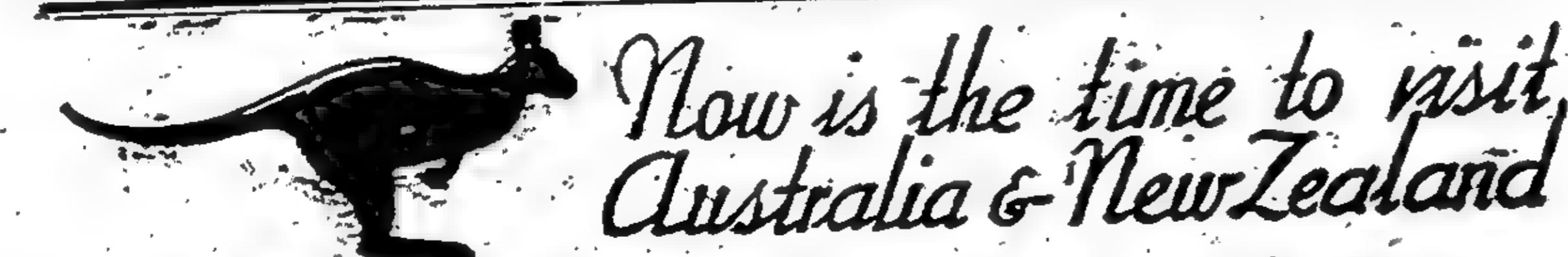
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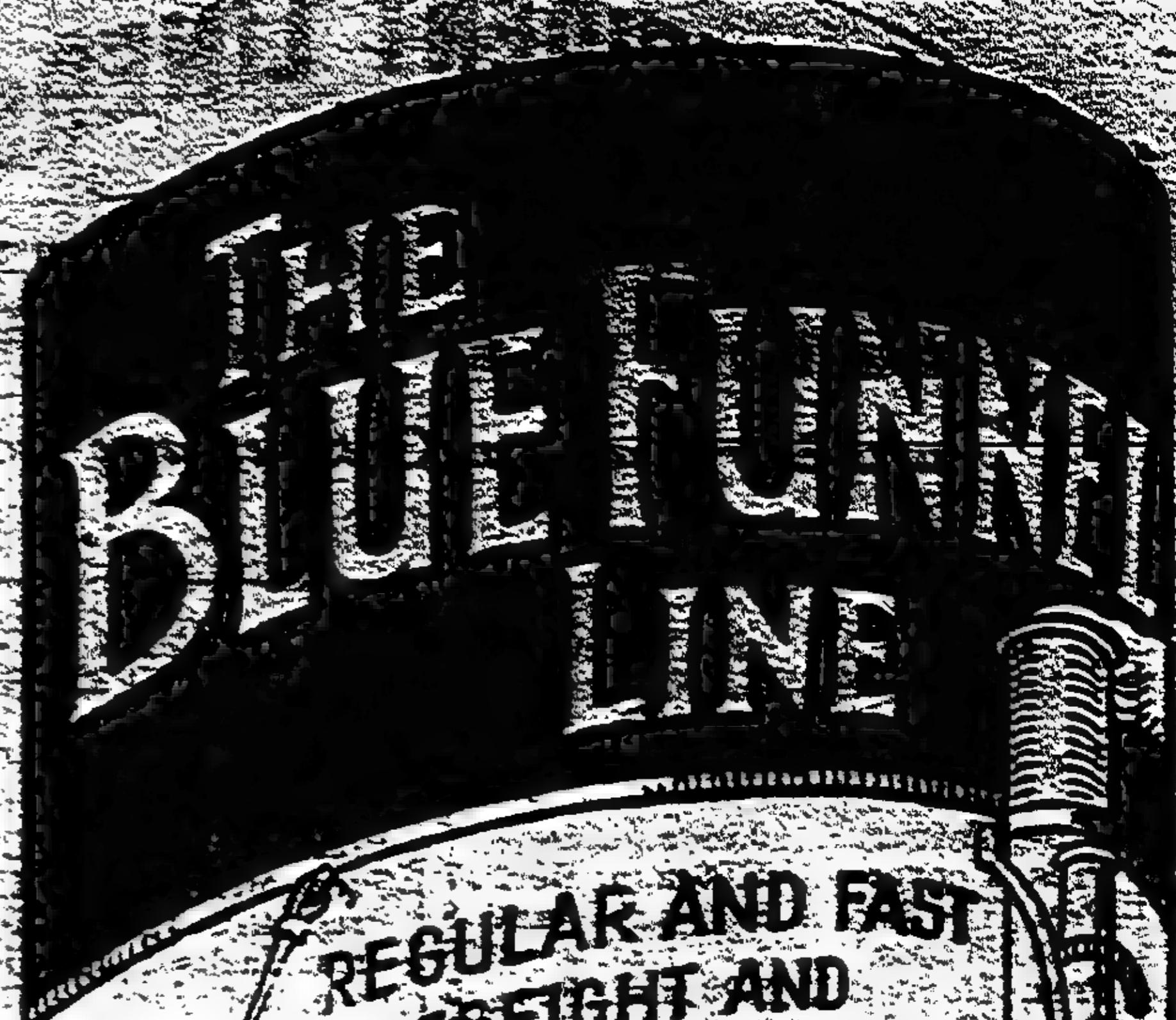
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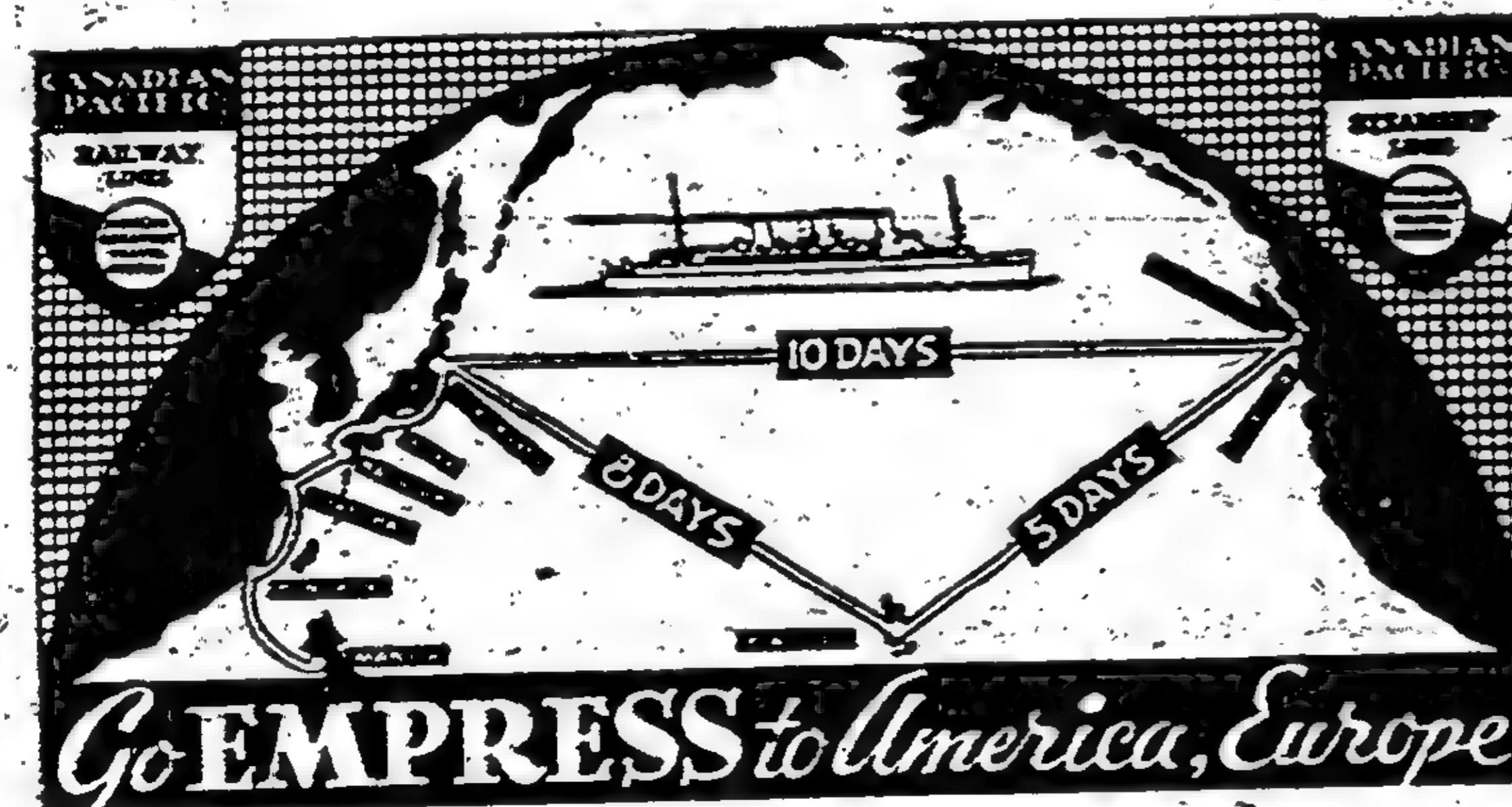
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**DOMINIONS IN  
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London, To-day.

The results of the Anglo-French conversations have immediately been communicated to the Dominion Governments.

In British circles, emphasis is laid on the perfect harmony between the views of the two Governments which was manifested throughout the proceedings and this received a striking corroboration from the French Premier, who when he saw French journalists in London this afternoon, refused to answer questions "as, at this very moment, Mr. Neville Chamberlain is doing so before the Commons and as we are in perfect and total agreement, his replies will be mine."

The conversations, the wide scope of which can be appreciated from the very full and frank communiqué, demonstrated that both Governments have, as their ultimate objective, a general settlement and agreed on broad lines of policy leading towards it.

**CLOSER EXAMINATION**

It is certainly clear that the attitude and outlook established in these exchanges neither involves nor implies a united front against any other country or government.

Anglo-French agreement on broad lines of policy will be followed by a closer examination both in London and Paris of the various problems in the light of that general agreement and by further exchanges through diplomatic channels. In authoritative quarters, it is stated that there is a great deal more work to be done of this kind before it can be hoped to carry matters to a further stage. It is felt that this is something which is well appreciated in other European countries.

**ENCOURAGING ASPECT**

Seen from London, the encouraging aspect of the most recent phase of international relations, including Lord Halifax's conversations in Germany and the talks of the French and British Ministers is that the situation which was in danger of crystallising is again less rigid. Greater flexibility gives new opportunities for wise statesmanship in all countries.—British Wireless.

**DEFINITE ATTITUDE**

London, To-day. The newspapers add nothing to the official communiqué on the talks, though both the "Daily Telegraph" and "Daily Herald" state that all outstanding problems were cleared up during Monday's session, and that Tuesday's business was solely occupied with drawing up the communiqué.

The colonial question has undoubtedly now reached the stage when a definite attitude must be adopted, says the "Daily Telegraph."

The "Daily Express" thinks that Germany's former colonies will not be returned as yet but that some scheme will be devised to allow her to participate in obtaining raw materials.—Trans-Ocean.

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 ISSUES**

London, To-day. New capital issues in November amounted to £12,400,000 against £13,855,000 in October and £20,939,000 in November, 1936. The total for the first eleven months of 1937 is £153,082,000.—British Wireless.

**PENSIONS  
 FOR M.P.S.**

London, To-day. The Prime Minister stated in the Commons that the report of the Committee considering the possibility of a pensions scheme for Members of Parliament is nearly ready and may be expected in a week or so.—British Wireless.

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# C.C.'S LARGE CRICKET MEMBERSHIP

## Sufficient Material For Three Teams

### HATFIELD BOWLER OF SEASON

### FINE DISPLAY BY C.B.S.

(By "ADREM")

VOLUNTEER Camps again had a great effect on local cricket and as far as I can ascertain, no senior matches were played—almost the first time in the history of the Colony, I should imagine, that Junior Clubs have completely held the stage.

DESPITE THE FACT THAT NO FIRST TEAMS WERE OFFICIALLY PLAYING, HOWEVER, I NOTICE THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF PLAYERS WHO NORMALLY FILL THEIR RANKS, TURNED OUT FOR THE SECONDS AND, JUDGING BY RESULTS, THOROUGHLY ENJOYED THIS INTERLUDE IN THE MORE FRIENDLY IF LESS SKILFUL TYPE OF CRICKET ENCOUNTERED.

With most clubs finding considerable difficulty in fielding one full eleven, it is rather refreshing to note that Craigengower, far from being short, had arranged to turn out no fewer than three teams, although one match was unavoidably cancelled on Thursday.

The natural conclusion to be drawn from this fact is that members of this Club are failing in their duties as good citizens of Hong Kong by not contributing to the defence of the Colony. The real reason, however, is that most of them are members of the same unit in the Corps and with that unit "off" for this particular week-end, more or less all their players were free for cricket.

#### POPULAR POLICE

To get down to the games. The Police are always in demand as opponents and being next door to Craigengower, there is a particularly friendly spirit prevailing between the two clubs. This may have been the reason why Ernie Zimmern, Francis Zimmern and Hamson chose to honour this game by their presence rather than playing further along the Valley against the Civil Service.

Although both the Zimmerns came off with the bat, the Policemen were not dismayed, and despite the fact that Francis followed up his batting by capturing three wickets for 22, they held the fort until stumps.

DISPARITY IN LEAGUES

It is interesting to note that Pope, although he evidently bowled very steadily, presented no terrors to first League batsmen which only goes to emphasise the vast disparity in the standards of the two divisions of the Cricket League.

C. W. Lam, took the spotlight in the match against C.S.C.C. Run out after he had scored a single, he made up for this failure by returning his finest bowling feat for some time and I append his analysis, which is well worth reproduction:

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Craigengower batted first and with Rapley, Leonard, Karanji and A. M. Omar being the only batsmen to make runs, were only able to total 128. Haynes and McGowan, the Civil Servants' opening bowlers were very steady and each took four wickets.

VETERAN CRICKETER

Apart from Irrie and P. D. Crawley, Civil Service provided for 44 by Woods, Herbert and their bowling.



Lam with very little opposition and were all back in the pavilion for 82 runs. I was particularly pleased to note Crawley's success. One of the oldest cricketers in the Colony and one who has told me on many occasions that he felt it was time he retired, he still carries on, and of late, has played some extremely valuable innings when the more youthful members of his side have been all at sea.

Pte. Hatfield, of the Middlesex Regiment, appears to me at this stage, to be the bowling find of the year. I had never heard of him up to a short while ago but of late, his bowling figures have been quite astounding. On Saturday, he took 5 for 28 against the R.A.M.C. and followed this up on Sunday, against the Police, by taking 8 for 15 in eight overs, half of which were maidens.

#### EFFECTIVE BATTING

No one would describe the Police batting as polished but it has proven itself to be fairly effective, especially on their small ground, and to skittle out a side, while only conceding 15 runs, is a really first class achievement.

To revert to the game with the R.A.M.C. With Patterson and Castell, being the only ones to make runs, the Medical Corps were dismissed for 111 runs. Middlesex then demonstrated their batting strength and C. Q. M. S. Northcote, who I think, makes his first appearance in local cricket, topping the half-century mark and Pte. Coombes and Lieuts. Beadnell and Weeden both playing the bowling with ease. Middlesex won easily by 3 wickets.

#### BATTING PRACTICE

A powerful Naval side severely trounced Queen's College in a game that was all over shortly after 4 o'clock. College were all dismissed

### PRESS TO PLAY CRICKET MATCH ON SUNDAY

The following will represent the Hong Kong Foreign Press in a cricket match against Lt. Comdr. Nicholson's eleven on the Navy Ground, King's Park, at 11.30 a.m. sharp, next Sunday.—G. C. Burnett and N. A. E. Mackay (China Mail), H. Brookeshore, J. R. Luke and A. M. Omar (S.C.M. Post), F. M. el Arculli, J. Prettjohn and V. el Arculli (Daily Press), A. H. Rumjahn, F. P. Franklin and S. A. Gray (H. K. Telegraph).

### SCOTTISH PROMOTION TOPICS

#### ONE BIG FAILING IN THE SECOND DIVISION

#### FORWARDS FAIL ON THE MARK

(By "INCHKEITH")

Glasgow, October 23.

That the struggle for promotion this season may prove to be the keenest in the history of the Scottish Second Division is quite a possibility, but some people are under a misapprehension, in so far as they are of the opinion that never before has the competition been anything like so keen as it is at the present time.

It is not my intention to delve into the past. I shall be content to refer to the state of matters prevailing last season, when the clubs had taken part in ten matches the same number as had been played prior to this afternoon.

Morton, who finished as runners-up to Ayr United, led the field with 16 points, two more than St. Bernards and Dumbarton, and three more than Ayr United, Cowdenbeath, Raith Rovers, and Forfar Athletic. Having dropped eight points each, Alloa and Airdrie followed, and next were Brechin City and East Fife with an average of a point a game.

Actually these figures do not bring out a closer contest than that waging this term, but they do illustrate, even if there are only nine clubs, and not eleven, separated by four points as was the case this morning, that this season's competition cannot be described, at the moment at any rate, as unique in its intensity.

#### DUMFARTON'S FAILURE

Before leaving reference to last year's tourney, it may be of interest to recall that Dumbarton fell away badly, and in their remaining 24 matches could not gather as many points as they had from the opening ten engagements, the Boghead club finishing fourth from the bottom with 27 points.

St. Bernards, of course, just missed promotion, but Raith Rovers were the worst-placed of the three Fife clubs with 36 points, only two-thirds of the Ayr United total.

To the great majority of people, however, it does not matter how the present compares with the past, so long as they are enjoyed themselves, and being given attractive, exciting, and entertaining fare on the football field. And he would be very difficult to please who was not content with the way matters are shaping just now in the Second Division—Alloa and Brechin City supporters excepted.

#### NONE BETTER THAN RAITH

With almost one-third of the programme completed, there is not one outstanding team, not even Raith Rovers, although I maintain, despite the defeat at Cowdenbeath and the drawn games with East Stirling, Stenhousemuir, and Dumbarton, that there is not, at this stage, a better team in the Division than the Kirkcaldy side. But

H.K.C.C. were at one time in a most precarious position and if Kilbee, Robb and Dunnett had not made a few, the School would probably have scored a very fine win. Booker took 5 for 62 and Gegg, 2 for 2.

Thanks to 59 by E. M. L. Soares of their first eleven, 27 by Carvalho and useful bowling by E. A. R. Alves and L. G. Gosano, Recreio junior team beat I.R.C. juniors by 20 runs. I.R.C. would have fared very much worse if A. K. Minu had not batted gallantly at No. 9. So lustily did he hit out and in such a cavalier manner did he treat all the Recreio bowlers, that in the short time he was at the wicket he amassed no fewer than 54 runs.

#### SUNDAY GAME

As already mentioned, the Middlesex Regiment beat the Police in perhaps a little alteration in the tactics of the wing half backs that was all over shortly after 4 o'clock. College were all dismissed and Pope were outstanding with Stark's Park promotion chances.

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# “PUT-OUT” QUESTION IS SETTLED

## MACHINE-GUNNERS SPORTSMANSHIP IN LOCAL SOFTBALL INTERNATIONAL SERIES: A SUGGESTION

(By “SHORTSTOP”)

THE question of whether the pitcher or the catcher secures the put-out on the third strike in Softball rests on the official ruling as in baseball. This information was received from Ernie Hearther, veteran first sacker, for the local American baseball team, and also a softball veteran who has played the game for years in San Francisco.

THE CATCHER GETS THE CREDIT OF A PUT-OUT, EVEN IF HE DROPS THE BALL ON THE THIRD STRIKE. THE BATTER IS, OF COURSE, AUTOMATICALLY OUT AND HE CANNOT RUN WHEN THE BALL IS FUMBLED BY THE CATCHER. THE PITCHER IS CREDITED WITH THE STRIKE OUT.

In baseball, the pitcher is always given a strike out regardless of the ball being caught or dropped by the catcher. In the event of a fumble by the catcher, and the batter gets safe to first, the pitcher still gets a strike out. In some innings, the pitcher might be credited with more than three strike outs. In future, scoring of softball matches will be conducted with this in view.

In a query from Roy Lau, Mr. J. J. King, of Falconer's manager of the Vets Softball Club, who secures the credit of a put-out when the batter bunts to be represented in this series: a foul ball on a third strike in British, American, Chinese, Filipino baseball, the official ruling is that the catcher is given this credit. I will be pleased to answer any queries pertaining to baseball or softball, and all questions are welcomed. We have the authority of Spalding's official rules, and several old-timers' advice and opinion.

### SPORTSMANSHIP

The Machine Gunners are to be commended on their splendid display of sportsmanship on the local softball diamond. In their last encounter with the H.K. Baseball Club, the latter only turned out eight members, and Porter's boys agreed to allow a ninth man to go out on the field. A gesture like this is seldom seen, especially so when the extra man is not a member of the participating Club.

Aside from this, the Machine Gunners have entered into the spirit of the game with the elan of those who are brought up with baseball. Arguments are plentiful, and jocular epithets are hurled to and fro, as though they had always played the American game. The arguments do not detract anything from the game, but, in fact, add to its interest. Not only can they “take it,” but they can now also “dish it out.”

### INTERNATIONAL SERIES

At the conclusion of the Softball League, there will be a series of International matches conducted by the League. The latest addition to this series is a Portuguese team. They have some good baseball players in their line-up, including “Sporty” Pereira, hurler; “Fatz” Mendonca, and “Sim” Costa, first baseman; Beltrao, second sacker, and Campos, who all turned out for the Volunteers during the past season, and wound up as runners-up in the local League.

They are practicing Softball almost every week-end and should be strong contenders for the International Softball Shield, donated by

## SCOTTISH PROMOTION TOPICS

*Continued from Page 121*  
Throughout the Division, there is a general failing. Probably Cowdenbeath, Raith Rovers, Dunfermline, and Dumbarton should be exempt from this criticism, for all four average at least three goals per game. Yet from what I have seen, their forwards are as great sinners as any of the others. The shooting weakness must be reckoned as one of the biggest and of course, most regrettable features in this class of football to-day. Otherwise the standard of the game is high, and although there is keenness in all the matches — an obvious will to win — there has been much attractive play and relative few incidents.

### BY THE EDITOR

Some clubs, more than others, have been fairly hard hit by injuries, and although there is an outcry for better refereeing, so far this season I have seen little about which serious complaint would be justified.



Ernie Hearther, above, quoted the ruling settling the problem as to whether the pitcher or the catcher secures the “put-out” on the third strike in Softball.

## F.A. CUP 2ND ROUND DRAW MADE

### SEVENTEEN GAMES FOR DECEMBER 11

London, To-day. The following is the draw for the Second Round of the F.A. Cup Competition which will be played on Saturday, December 11: Scarborough v. Bromley. Wrexham v. Walker Celtic or Bradford City. Cardiff v. Bristol City. Rotherham v. Aldershot.

## TWO BADMINTON MATCHES FOR TO-NIGHT

Two Badminton League fixtures in the “B” Division of the League will be featured this evening when the Free Lances encounter St. Andrew's at home, at 6 p.m., and Chinese Recreation Club entertain Kowloon Tong at Causeway Bay, also at 6 p.m.

Doncaster v. Guildford. Clapton O. v. York or Halifax. Yeovil and Petters v. Port Vale or Gainsborough Trinity. Exeter v. Hull. South Liverpool v. Brighton. Kidderminster or Newport v. Bournemouth or Dartford. Tranmere v. Hartlepools. Mansfield v. Rochdale or Lincoln. Accrington or Lancaster v. Crystal Palace or Kettering. Crewe v. New Brighton. Watford v. Walsall. Walthamstow Avenue v. Southend. Swindon v. Queen's Park Rangers. Reuter.

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# MUCH DISPUTED BOXING VERDICT

## ARMY RUGBY TEAMS FOR SATURDAY

To Meet Navy 1st And Club "A"

The following players have been chosen to represent the Army XV's in their Rugby fixtures on Saturday at Sookimpoo:

1st. XI v. Royal Navy (4.15 p.m.)—Sgt. Hilton (R.E.); Pte. Peachey (Seaforts), Capt. Maisey (R.A.M.C.), Pte. Rainey (Seaforts) and 2/Lt. Chivell (Middlesex); 2/Lt. Gudgeon (Middlesex); and Lt. R. D. MacIagan (Seaforts); L/Bdr. Page (5th A.A. Bde.); Capt. Gillespie (R.E.); L/Cpl. Burrell (Middlesex); 2/Lt. L. A. MacIagan (Seaforts); Lt. Crawford (R.C. of S.); Lt. D. C. Lincoln (R.U.R.); Pte. S.; Lt. D. C. Lincoln (R.U.R.); Pte. Knowles (Seaforts) and Cpl. Davies (R.W.F.).

Reserves: Sgt. Bailey (R.A.M.C.); Pte. Boasted (Seaforts) and Sqn. Rumbell (R.E.).

2nd. XV v. Club "A" (2.45 p.m.)—Pte. Hyman (Seaforts); L/Sgt. Pratt (Seaforts), Fus. Griffiths (R.W.F.); Lt. Davenport (8th Hvy. Bde.); Pte. L/Bdr. Lucas (5th A.A. Bde.); Pte. Telford (R.A.C.) and Pte. Jones (Middlesex); Sqn. Hall (R.E.); Lt. Peel (Middlesex); Lt. McAlister (K.O.S.B.); L/Bdr. Martin (5th A.A. Bde.); Pte. Watson (Middlesex); Sgt. Bayley (Middlesex); Sgt. Marshall (Middlesex) and Pte. MacLachlan (Seaforts).

Reserves, Fus. Johns (R.W.F.); Fus. Perritt (R.W.F.) and Gnr. Normington (5th A.A. Bde.).

## LADIES LAWN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Semi-Final Matches On Week-End

The semi-finals of the Colony Ladies' Lawn Tennis Championship will take place as follows:

Doubles.—Saturday, December 4, 1937 at 3 p.m.

Mrs. R. Perry and Mrs. Chui Chun Chui v. Mrs. Rice-Evans and Miss M. Griffiths.

Mrs. A. Oliver and Mrs. S. Mills v.

Mrs. R. M. Stokes and Mrs. T. Shirley.

Singles.—Sunday, December 5, 1937 at 3 p.m.

Miss R. Perry v. Mrs. A. Oliver.

Mrs. Chui Chun Chui v. Miss M. Griffiths.

## U.S.R.C. ANNUAL TENNIS TOURNEY

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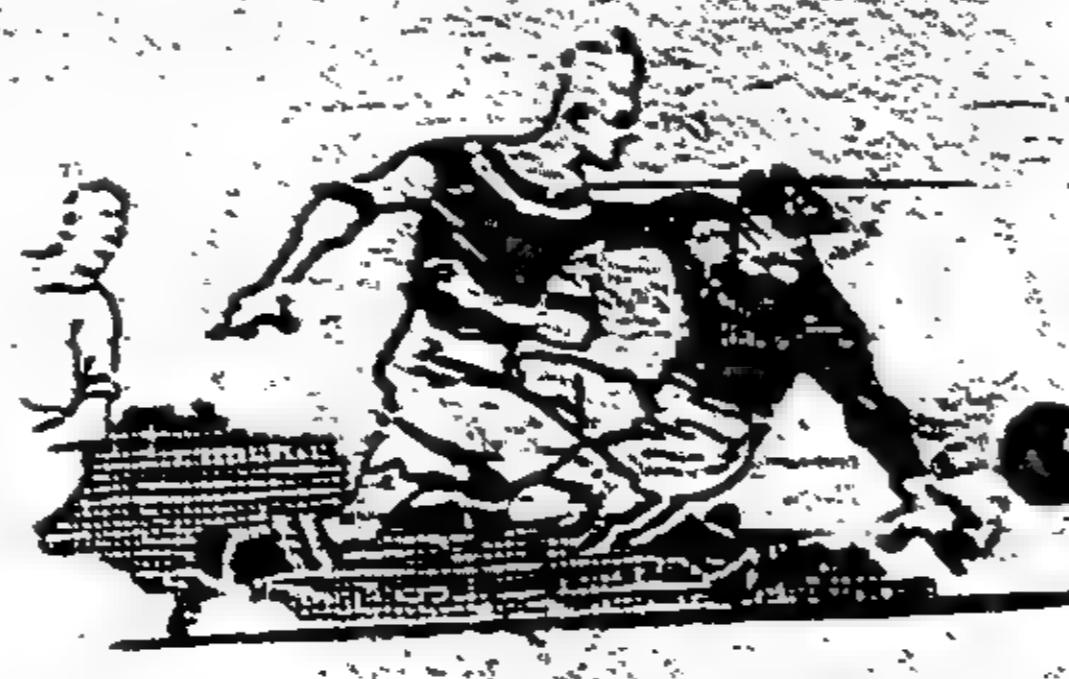
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## WEEK-END FOOTBALL PROGRAMME

### SATURDAY EXHIBITION MATCH

Rifles v. The Rest (Causeway Bay, 3.45 p.m.)

Junior Shield

R.E. (Chinese) v. 20th R.A. (Cinch, 2.15 p.m.)

Referee—Day.

2nd Division Club v. R.E. (Club, 4 p.m.)

Referee—Aldridge.

K.F.C. v. Eastern (Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.)

Referee—Clarke.

5th R.A. v. Middlesex (St. Joseph's H.V., 2.30 p.m.)

Referee—French.

Seaforth v. South China (Causeway Bay, 2.30 p.m.)

Referee—Havelaar.

3rd Division (Hong Kong) v. R.A.S.C. (Military H.V., 2.30 p.m.)

Referee—F. W. Smith.

R.E. v. R.A. Stanley (Military H.V., 4.00 p.m.)

Referee—Edwards.

Police v. Powhatan (St. Joseph's H.V., 4.00 p.m.)

Referee—Brothwell.

3rd Division (Kowloon) v. P.S.A. (Prince Edward Road, 2.30 p.m.)

Referee—Marriot.

20th R.A. v. Royal Signals (Prince Edward Road, 4.00 p.m.)

Referee—Somerville.

University v. Seaforth (Chatham Road, 2.30 p.m.)

Referee—Whittle.

R.A.F. v. Kukmoo Rifles (Chatham Road, 4.00 p.m.)

Referee—Sutter.

SUNDAY, 5TH Kotewell Cup

Army v. South China (Causeway Bay, 3.45 p.m.)

Referee—Martin.

Linesmen—Day and Barton. 2nd Division

R.E. (Chinese) v. Kwong Wah (Causeway Bay, 2.15 p.m.)

Referee—Rees.

R.A.M.C. v. R.A.O.C. (Sookimpoo, 2.30 p.m.)

Referee—Johns.

## LIGHT BLUES' BIG RUGBY VICTORY

London, To-day. In the only major Rugby attraction held yesterday, Cambridge University proved much too good for Mr. J. E. Greenwood's fifteen, winning by 31 points to 9.—Reuter.



## VIIEWS ON NEUSEL-STRICKLAND BOUT

### NEW ZEALANDER TOOK DEFEAT IN VERY SPORTSMANLIKE MANNER AUSTRALIAN WELTER DISAPPOINTS

(By "B. BENNISON")

Glasgow, October 23.

I shall always maintain that Maurice Strickland, the New Zealand heavyweight, scored more points than Walter Neusel in their widely-discussed and keenly-awaited fight at Wembley. Jack Smith, however, decided otherwise, and the tremendously strong German was returned the winner amid a thunder of disagreement seldom heard at the ring-side.

Some 10,000 people looked on. Of them 95 per cent, judged by their roar of disapproval, had no manner of doubt that the man in charge had made a big mistake. The noise and clatter, and the scenes which followed, hurt boxing hard, for while folk hooted and booed, there developed a free-for-all fight in the dressingroom of Neusel, during which, it is alleged, the actual pugilists' respective managers put up a very realistic little bare-fist side show. Both were rather the worse for wear after the impromptu battle.

I cannot say at the moment of writing what action, if any, will be taken by the Board of Control. To me it was all a disgraceful business, and the sooner forgotten the better. It is for Damaski and Daly to settle whatever may be their differences. I am truly sorry for Neusel and Strickland.

Now for the fight as I saw and read it. Until midway of the sixth of the twelve rounds over which the contest was spread, Strickland was as a man romping to victory. He had proved himself to be the clever boxer, the cleaner puncher; he was master. Then he was severely shaken by the kind of right-hander in which the German specialises that landed in the pit of his stomach.

Strickland was obviously distressed, and was in sore need of a breather. In the next round he took more cloths than he gave, and, had he not been superbly fit, must have crumpled under the power of Neusel's blows to the body. I much feared he would be unable to shoulder the handicap of more than a stone which the German enjoyed.

SECOND WIND. However, he found his second wind, and added so generous to a lead he had built up that nothing short of a knock-out, in my opinion, could deny him the spoils. Neusel sensed the position, and sent over a mighty swipe which connected with the jaw, and down went Strickland to take a count of six. He pulled himself into the perpendicular only with difficulty. And worse for him, his eye was badly cut. Still he managed to hold up, and, when the last bell went, he trotted jauntily to the corner entirely sure that he had won.

When Neusel was acclaimed the winner, pandemonium broke loose. My score sheet was that Strickland at a conservative estimate won seven rounds; at the most Neusel took two. I have known Jack Smith for longer than a quarter of a century. I count him among my good friends. There is no referee richer in experience, and his integrity may not be impeached. But if in his analysis

of the fight he did not arrive at wrong conclusions, I am prepared to confess that I am no judge of boxing.

### FUTURE PLANS

I have inquired of both boxers how they propose shaping their immediate future. To date they have no definite plans. A story has been broadcast that Neusel would be a willing party to a second fight with Schmeling in Berlin. I refuse to accept it.

As for Strickland, he intends to remain here in the certainty that he will be found profitable employment. "I am not broken-hearted," he says, "because the verdict went against me. Only I cannot, and never will, understand how Neusel was made the winner. In all games, however, there is the unlucky break, and I am content to leave it at that. For what's the good of having and nursing a grudge?"

### WITH HARRINGAY

I understand that he has contracted with Wembley for two more fights. Possibly he will be offered an opponent by Harringay. For myself I shall welcome a contest between him and Al Delaney, a young Canadian who has done most of his fighting in the States. (Strickland beat Al Delaney on a points decision in an eliminating 10 Round bout last Monday night to decide a challenger to Tommy Farr for the British and Empire Heavyweight titles). Delaney made his first appearance in this country in the ring of the National Sporting Club last Monday against Harry Staal, the Dutch champion, who served as substitute for Pancho Villar, laid aside by an injured back.

Delaney is a finished boxer and a fighter of high degree. He was so much the superior of Staal, and punished him so severely, that the referee very properly called (Continued on Page 21)

## PERTINENT NOTES ON THE RUGBY LAW INTERPRETATIONS

### SHOULD A FORWARD BE PENALISED FOR OFFENCE BY THE SCRUM HALF?

London, October 24.

ADMIRAL Percy Royde, one of England's Rugby law makers on the International Board, has explained what the Board had in mind when they publicly criticised referees for not administering the laws severely enough in international matches. Admiral Royde made it clear that the Board's chief complaint concerns what goes on round a scrum, where, the Board maintain, things go on which should give the referees concern.

Most particularly are the Board concerned with the difficulty of putting in the ball. Times without number it hits the near forward on the outside leg and comes out again. That means that the ball has been prevented from going in, and the Board assert that players meaning forwards, must not be permitted to do this with impunity.

This constitutes one of the "persistent infringements" for which players must be ordered off. This is an amazing deduction on the part of either Admiral Royde or the Board. Rugby men are, in effect, asked to believe that a forward should be penalised for what is almost equally an offence of the scrum half.

### SMALL UNITS TROUNCE WEAK Y.M.C.A. ELEVEN

Fast Hockey Game  
Yesterday

The Combined Small Units' hockey eleven made their debut yesterday evening when they defeated a weak Y.M.C.A. eleven by 7 goals to 1 after leading by four clear goals at the interval.

The "Y" were unable to field their best representative side owing to unforeseen circumstances, and several players cried off at the last moment, among these being Fit Lt. Wallace, Colledge, who has an injured foot, and Fox and Cleveley, who were on duty.

Capt. Harvey, in the Units' centre-forward berth, played a very dashing game and scored four of the seven goals, while L/Cpl. Brice netted the three others.

The "Y" team were never completely at home, and their attack never blended at any one time during the encounter. The outstanding feature of the Units' display was the work of their intermediate line where Bhag Singh, at centre-half, and Austen, at left-half, were very good, while Morgan, their right-back, was also in the limelight with clever interceptions and sound clearances.

### MEDICALS DEFEAT THE SERVICE CORPS

The Medicals consolidated their position at the head of the Third Division at the head of the Third Division League Football table when they defeated the Royal Army Service Corps at Sookumpoo, yesterday, by two clear goals in their postponed Third Division encounter.

Costello, Youd, and Gantzer were prominent in the Medicals' forward line, while Smith in the Service Corps goal, and Furnival, the pivot, were outstanding for the losers.

Youd scored for the Medicals in the first half, and ten minutes after the resumption Howells netted from a centre by Gantzer.

Particularly in the case of a scrum which is slewed round, the scrum half when putting in can easily hit the foot of the outside forward quite by accident. Yet according to the peculiar interpretation rendered of the scrummage law, it is the forward who is held to be guilty and who may be ordered off.

The whole business of putting in and scrum crime hinges on those ill-chosen words in the law "gently propel," which were introduced a few years ago.

Since last season the words have been changed to "at moderate speed," a compromise which, though an improvement, does not meet the case.

#### GENTLY TO MODERATE

A gently to moderate speed of putting in is at the bottom of (a) slow heeling; (b) much of the foot-up crime prevailing last season (c) the prominent part taken by wing forwards in all spoiling play and lastly the almost mechanical certainty with which the side putting in "gets."

A quick put in makes for livelier and better attempts at hooking. It means a lively ball in the scrum while a slow put in means the reverse.

The chief objection to a fast put in seems to be that there exists a fear that the ball would go straight through the scrum and out the other side. If the ball were flying hard down at the turf it is difficult to see how it could work through Reuter.

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a halt in the seventh round I am told that Delaney who was brought over by N.S.C. whom he is contracted, has been loaned to Harringay. I hope it is not true that Norman Baines is the only man to be put against him Baines in my opinion is not in

the same class as Delaney. There was a time when I had hopes of Baines making reasonably good

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### COLONY LADIES' LAWN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Miss Rose Perry and Mrs. Chin Chun-chu; Mrs. Rice Evans and Miss M. Griffiths; Mrs. Holmes and Miss Tylor and Mrs. Stokes and Mrs. Shirley will contest the Semifinals of the Colony Ladies' Doubles Tennis Championship, under the auspices of the United Services R.C.

Miss Perry and Mrs. Chin, who are the title-holders, had an extremely easy passage against Mrs. Marmont and Mrs. Walker in the second round, dropping only one game in two sets. The tie between

Mrs. Oliver and Mrs. Mills and Mrs. Holmes and Miss Tylor, however, went to three sets before the latter pair won.

#### DOUBLES RESULTS

The following were the results in the Second Round:

Miss Perry and Mrs. Chin beat Mrs. Marmont and Mrs. Walker 6-1, 6-0.

Mrs. Rice Evans and Miss Griffiths beat Mrs. Wood and Mrs. Barnett 6-4, 7-5.

Mrs. Holmes and Miss Tylor beat Mrs. Oliver and Mrs. Mills 3-5, 6-4.

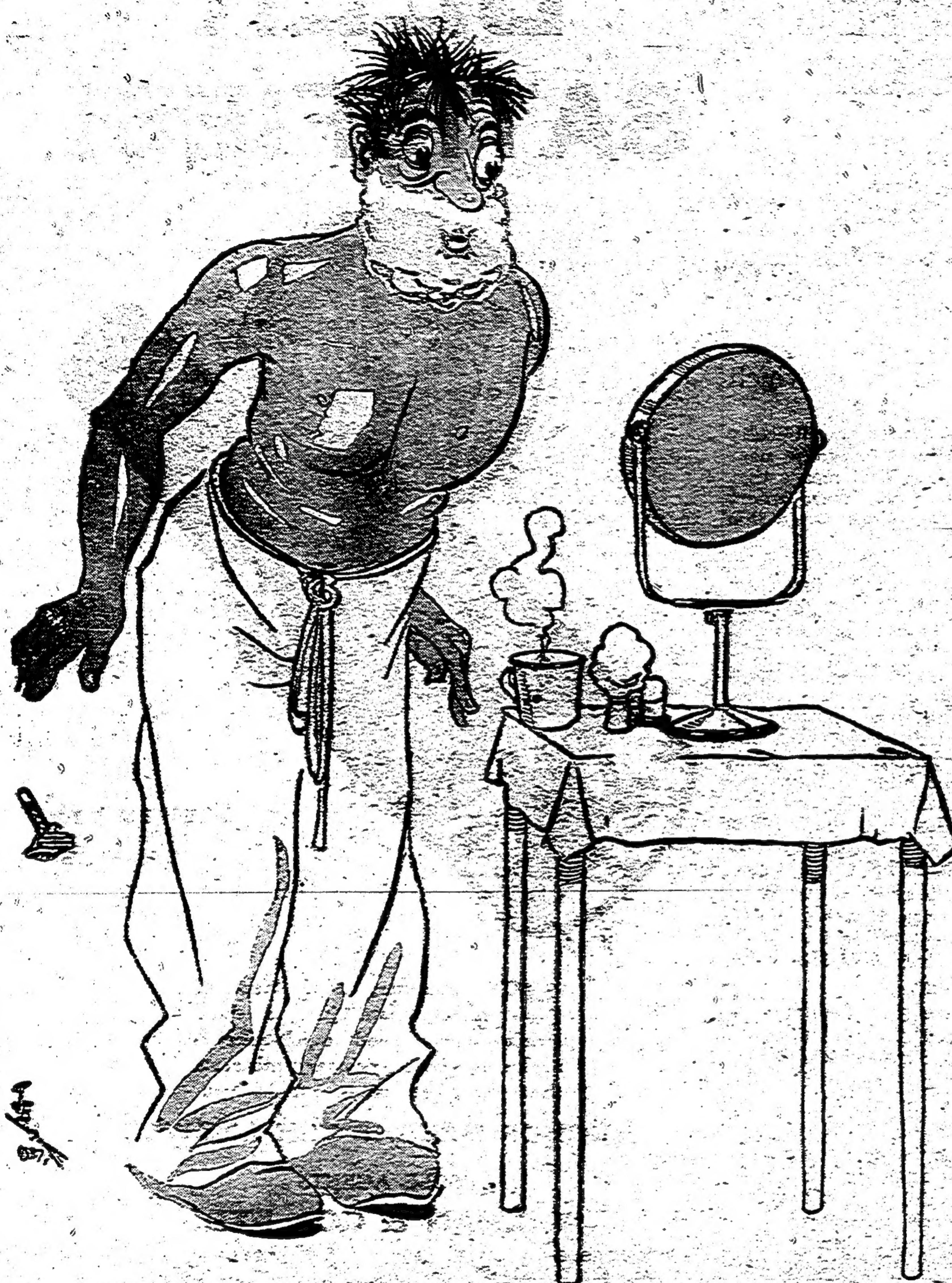
Mrs. Stokes and Mrs. Shirley beat Miss Prince and Mrs. Wagstaff 6-0, 6-4.

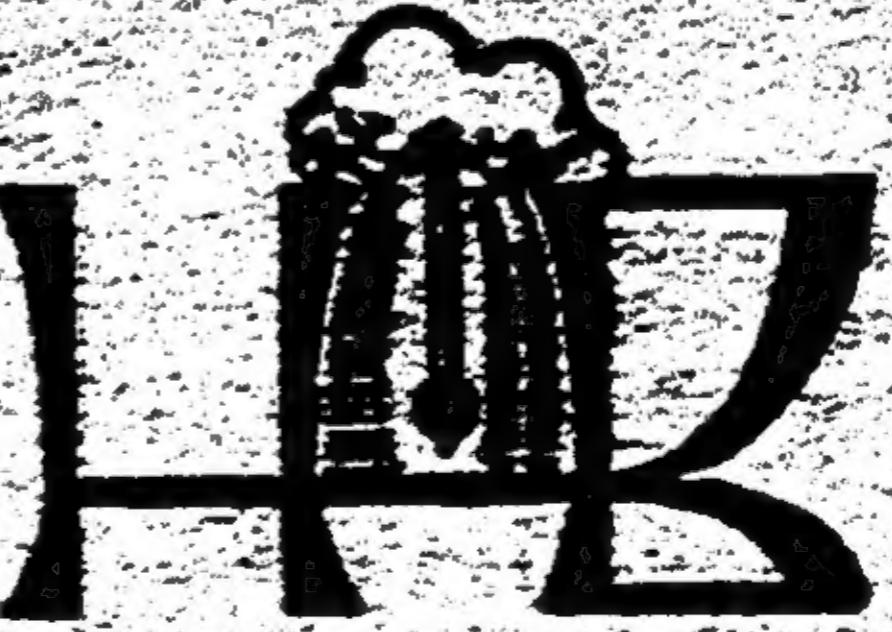
#### OPEN SINGLES

In the singles championship, Mrs. Oliver and Miss Madge Griffiths have already entered the semi-final stage. The former defeated Mrs. Mills 6-0, 6-4 and the latter beat Mrs. Wood 6-2, 6-2.

The two matches yet to be played are Miss Perry v. Mrs. Holmes and Mrs. Chin v. Mrs. Marmont.

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# MUSSOLINI RECOMMENDS CHINA SURRENDER

Milan, To-day.  
A hint that China had better appeal to Japan for peace while she can still get good terms, is given in an unsigned article in Signor Mussolini's newspaper "Popolo d'Italia," and believed to have been written by the Duce.

The article says that if China still believes in any assistance of a collective character, it means that she has vowed herself to suicide, for clearly Japan will win all battles and will compel China to surrender.

Now that collective action has again failed, all that remains for China is to ask Japan for peace terms which may be less hard than may be thought.

In view of recent contacts between the Duce and distinguished Japanese visitors to Italy, it is thought that this hint may be politically significant.—Reuter.

## TRADE PACT

Tokyo, To-day.  
The newspapers expect Italy's formal recognition of Manchukuo to be followed by conclusion of a commercial agreement between Italy and Manchukuo along the lines of the German Manchukuo Commercial Pact.

Italy's exports to Manchukuo are far smaller than Manchukuo exports to Italy, but the newspapers predict that trade between the two countries will be balanced by Manchukuo purchase of aircraft and other goods from Italy.—Reuter.

## ITALIAN TAX INCREASES

Rome, To-day.  
Italy is to have another tax increase, this time a rise of 3 per cent. in the turnover tax.

The new levy becomes effective as from Nov. 30.

In addition, the tax on silk, coffee, liqueurs, mineral waters and silverware from abroad, has been raised.

Explanation of the new measures given in the official "Gazette" is that they are necessary for balancing the Budget.—Trans-Ocean.

Miss A. W. Hodges has reported the loss of \$100 from No. 197, The Peak.

## RECOGNITION OF FRANCO

Tokyo, To-day.

Amplifying announcement of Japanese recognition of General Franco, it is stated that after Imperial Assent has been given, the Foreign Minister, Mr. Koki Hirota, will receive the first Minister appointed to Japan by Gen. Franco.

He is the present Spanish Consul-General in Kobe, Senor del Castillo, who will be informed by Mr. Hirota of the Cabinet's decision.—Trans-Ocean.

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## LUDENDORFF'S CONDITION

Munich, To-day.

General Ludendorff, who is suffering from an inflamed bladder, passed a quiet night, says a bulletin issued by his doctors.

His circulatory system, however, is still affected, so that the aged German general is not yet out of danger.

Seriousness of his condition precludes all possibility of speedy recovery, says the bulletin.

His wife and nearest relatives are now living in the hospital where the general is lying, and only members of his family are admitted to the bedside.—Trans-Ocean.

Canton, To-day.  
Japanese planes raided the Canton Kowloon Line this morning shortly after 8 a.m., dropping bombs at Cheung Muk Tsai, according to an official report.—Our Own Correspondent.

## CHESS TITLE

Rotterdam, To-day.

The twenty-third game in the world chess championship between Dr. Euwe and Dr. Alekhine yesterday was adjourned after the fortieth move with Dr. Alekhine in a distinctly advantageous position.

It seems that the challenger will score another point, although there is still some chance that Dr. Euwe will succeed in making the game a draw.—Trans-Ocean.

## Vintage Crop

Berlin, To-day.

The German wine harvest this year is one of the best ever recorded, and owing to warm weather in the Autumn, the quality is expected to reach the famous vintages of 1911, 1917 and 1921.—Trans-Ocean.

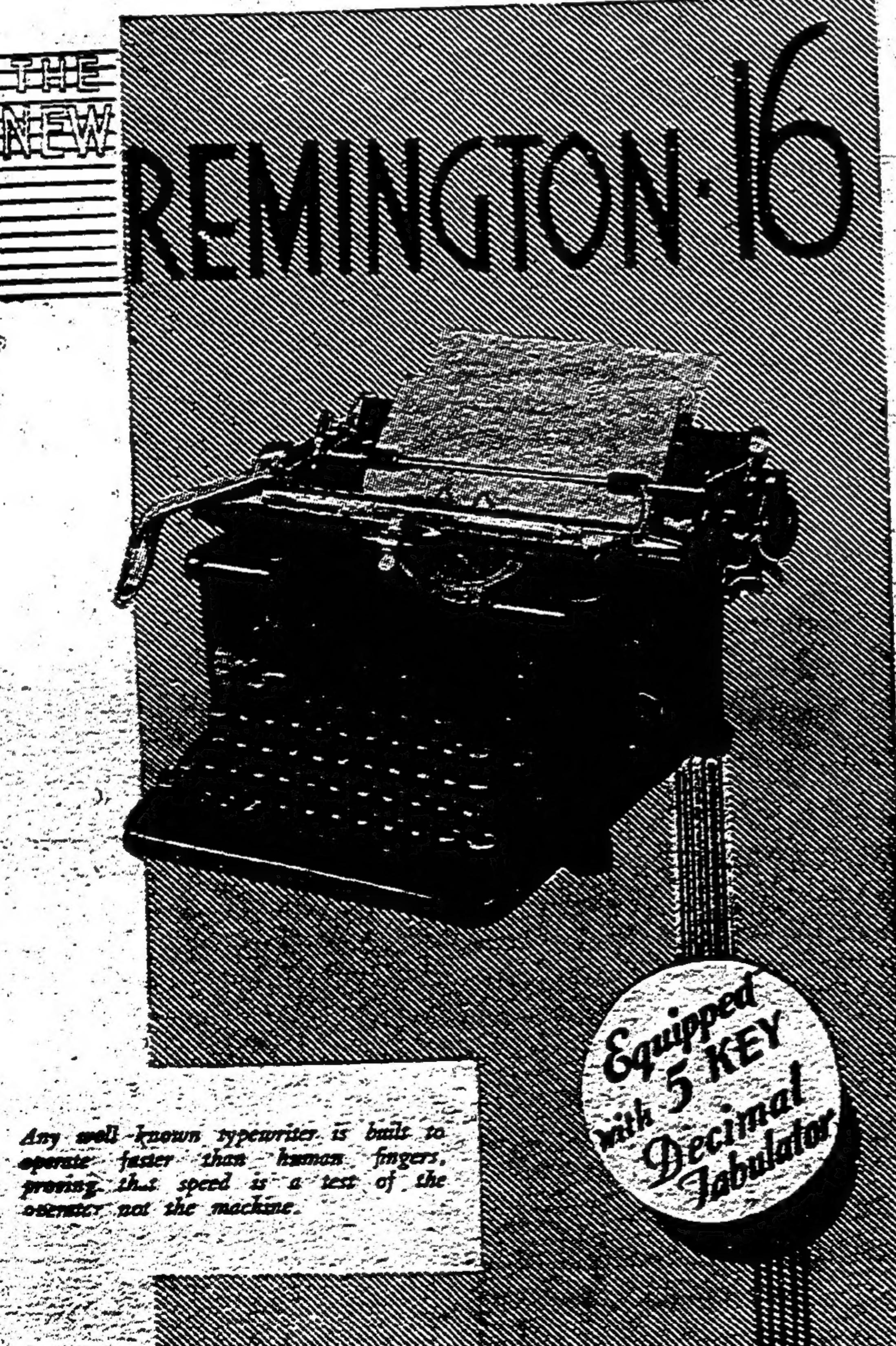
The R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" is due at Hong Kong on December 30, and will proceed to Kowloon Dock for annual overhaul after discharge of cargo.

The R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" left Vancouver for Hong Kong, via Honolulu on Saturday and is due at Hong Kong on the 16th/17th December (Thu/Fri.) morning.

Sub-Lieutenant Green, of H.M.S. Odin, has reported that the theft of \$200 from a cash box in a cupboard on the ship. The money belonged to the Sports Fund.

## NEWS FLASHES

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